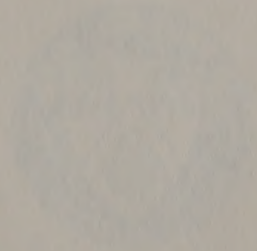


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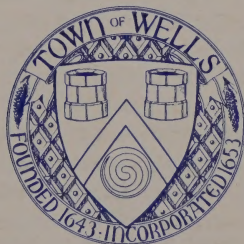
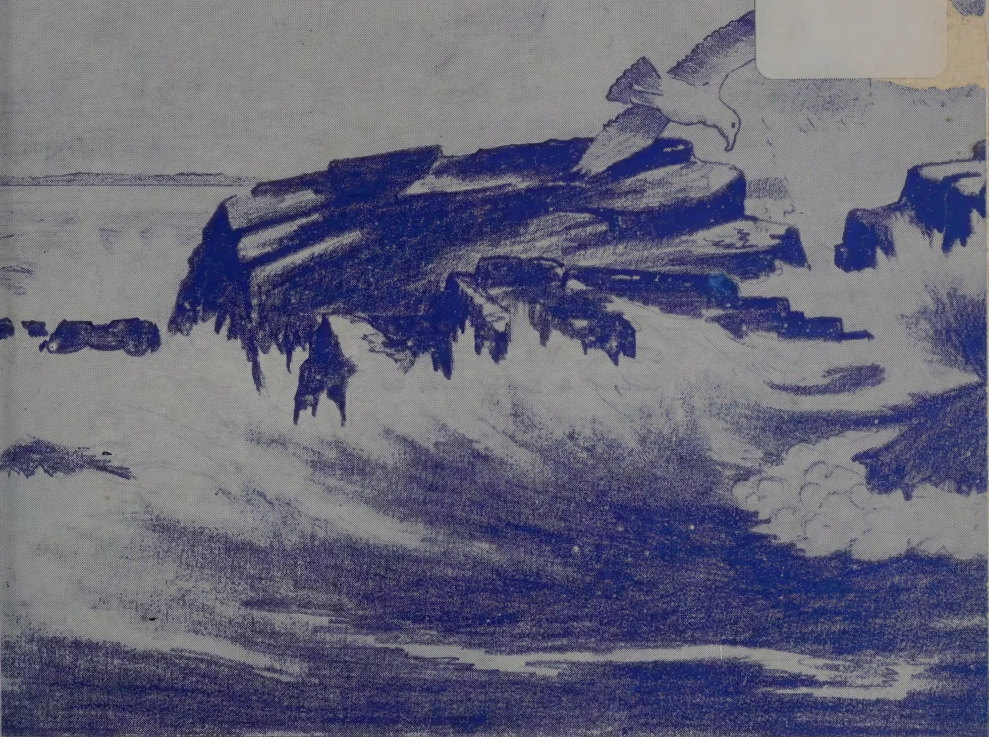
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TOWN of WELLS, MAINE

Annual Report of 1953

In Memoriam

Three of the most notable servants in the long history of Wells were called from their earthly home during the year:

Alma L. Parker
James E. Brewster
Archie H. Wormwood

Mrs Parker served as Town Clerk for thirteen years. Her unselfish devotion to her task makes the memory of her, our cherished possession.

Mr. Brewster and Mr. Wormwood served this Town together and served it well for a generation, as two of a three-man Board of Selectmen.

All three names deserve a place in our Hall of Memory. We ask for God's help that we may be worthy of their sacrificial labors. In memory of them, and also in memory of all others of our dear ones and friends who during the past year have gone "the way of the unreturning," we dedicate in loving tribute this Annual Report.



LIFE IS ETERNAL

(Author Unknown)

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then some one at my side says: "There! She's gone."

Gone where? Gone from my sight—that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her; and just at the moment when some one at my side says, "There! She's gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes!"

Town Officers
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR
1953

SELECTMEN

CHARLES BOURNE (Chr.) ROBERT LITTLEFIELD
DAVID McCOBB RAYMOND COLBY
FRANK ABENDROTH SAMUEL STANSFIELD
CLIFFORD MOODY

TOWN MANAGER
CECIL O. LANCASTER

ASSESSORS
GRACE WORMWOOD (Chr.) GUY RICKER
LESTER PERKINS

TOWN CLERK
DOROTHY PARKER, DEPUTY

TOWN TREASURER
WALTER E. HATCH

CHIEF OF POLICE
WILLIAM SHAW

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
PHILIP HINES

SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
IOLA LITTLEFIELD (Chr.) MILBURY FREEMAN
FORREST CHASE

AUDITOR
JOHN L. ALHEIM



Budget Committee

Front Row—Left to Right—Paul Whitin, Waldo Chick, Wilbur Rollins, Helen Remick, Russell Hutchins, Gertrude Lord, Roger Bragdon and Walter Hatch.

Back Row—Left to Right—George Lord, Donald Taylor, Jack Hayes, Harry Lord, George Perkins, Donald Knox, Albert Parent, Joseph Houston, William Lessard, Edgar Brooks, Richard Farnsworth and Arthur Perkins. Absent—Burton Dodge.

Letter of Transmittal

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens
of the Town of Wells:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to serve you as your third Town Manager. I have been here only a few months and am happy to say that I have received the full cooperation of not only the Board of Selectmen but also the citizens of the Town of Wells.

To have a good and efficient government we have to be able to work together as a team and not as individuals.

The budget committee has spent a great deal of time and consideration on this years warrant. The tax rate will have to go up one mill and possibly two mills; this is primarily due to the Town debt, there are more notes and bonds to be retired this year than last.

Too often we find that misunderstandings arise merely because an individual or a group has not been correctly informed about what is going on. Your town is not a buisness that thrives on stockholders; it solicits your attention and ideas as well as your tax dollars. If at any time, a group or individual has any good ideas that will benefit the welfare of the town, please feel free to come in and talk it over with me, my door is always open.

Respectfully submitted,

CECIL O. LANCASTER,
Town Manager



Selectmen

Front Row—Left to Right—Charles Bourne, Chairman; Cecil Lancaster, Town Manager; David McCobb.
Back Row—Left to Right—Clifford Moody, Samuel Stansfield and Raymond Colby. Absent—Robert Littlefield and Frank Abendroth.

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of the Town of Wells:

We as Selectmen of the Town of Wells are pleased to submit for your consideration this report of what has been accomplished by the Town during the year just passed.

Probably the planning for and completion of the ceremonies commemorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of our Town was the outstanding task undertaken. We are extremely grateful for the assistance and cooperation given us by all those who by their efforts made such a satisfactory program possible.

On September 5th, we accepted the resignation of Leonard L. Bishop, Jr., as Town Manager to take effect October 5th. We requested and received approximately twenty applications for the position left vacant by Mr.

Bishop and after due consideration, approved Mr. Cecil O. Lancaster, Town Manager. Mr. Lancaster came to us highly recommended after serving the Town of Hartland, Maine in a similar capacity.

During the year, highway reconstruction on Hilton Lane, Tatnick Road, Upper Landing Road and Moody Point has been carried forward. The usual amount of summer road maintenance has gone on and road tar has been applied wherever necessary in so far as available appropriations have permitted.

A new sidewalk was constructed from Lessards to the cemetery and the already existing sidewalk resurfaced from the cemetery to Lindsay Tavern.

During the spring seventeen stone culverts were washed out to the extent that it was necessary to replace them with new metal culverts, a type of repair which should last for many years.

A new neon directional sign has been installed at Moody Post Office and the signs damaged by storms have been repaired and are ready for reinstallation.

Work on toilet facilities at the Moody Beach Parking Area is nearly completed and a modern foot walk through the dunes to the Beach has been provided. We appreciate the cooperation of our Ogunquit Village Corporation in making this parking area available to our summer visitors.

During the year regular weekly meetings of the Board of Selectmen have been held at which matters of importance to all citizens have received the fullest consideration and policies adopted which in the opinion of the Board have produced the greatest good for the greatest number.

Again we wish to thank our fellow townsmen for their continued interest and cooperation and to assure you all of our appreciation.

Charles A. Bourne, Chairman
Robert Littlefield, Secretary
David McCobb
Raymond Colby
Samuel Stansfield
Frank Abendroth
Clifford Moody

Report of the 300th Anniversary Committee

According to your wishes the 300th Anniversary Committee was organized in the fall of 1952. This committee and the various sub committees formed met regularly to plan and organize the activities of the celebration.

The town and the Ogunquit Village Corporation each appropriated \$1,800.00 to finance the celebration and several individuals contributed generously.

Much advanced publicity was given the event by various newspapers. Thirty-five thousand leaflets announcing the celebration and advertising Wells and Ogunquit were distributed by the Maine Publicity Bureau, our local publicity associations and individual businesses. A Town seal was designed and engraved. All first class mail from Wells carried a special anniversary cancelation.

The Historical booklet published early in July was well received. Due to the generous subscription of advertisements from this and neighboring communities the booklet realized a good profit. This money has been set aside as a fund to support a historical society in which we hope all interested citizens will take an active part. Surplus copies of this booklet are available at the town offices.

Various events held during the summer led up to the grand finale of August 29, 30 and 31st.

The Pageant, well conceived, skillfully produced and presented in a beautiful natural setting was a fine tribute to the proud memories of 300 years and to the hours of effort given by that committee and the many people who took part in it.

The special church services held on Sunday, August 30th, added a true historical note to the celebration as the desire for religious freedom was the primary reason for the founding of our town.

The Parade was also an unqualified success and exceeds all our expectations. The floats ranged from the

humorous to the beautiful, extended over a mile in length while en route. The simplicity and spontaneity of these floats seemed to exactly fit the occasion and elicited many favorable comments.

The block dances and barbecue proved so popular that there is talk of making them annual events during the summer season.

When the last rocket burst over the beaches and our celebration ended we could all be proud of a job well done.

The Anniversary Committee wishes to thank all the people of this town, of Kennebunk and our friends everywhere whose efforts and generosity made the Wells 300th Anniversary Celebration a success.



300th Anniversary Committees

Co-Chairmen

Leonard L. Bishop, Jr.
John P. Williams

Secretary and Treasurer

John L. Alheim
Donald E. Knox



Co-Ordinating

Frank Abendroth
John Alheim
Raymond Colby
Robert S. Littlefield
Leonard Bishop
Samuel Stansfield
John P. Williams
David P. McCobb
Clifford Moody
Charles Bourne

Finance

David McCobb, Ch.
S. Judson Dunaway
Roger S. Bragdon
J. Phillip Littlefield
John L. Alheim
Donald E. Knox
Winfield C. Littlefield

Historical

Esselyn G. Perkins, Ch.
Roby P. Littlefield
G. Andrew Moriarty, Jr.
Sylvia Cousins
Beatrice Spiller
Ethel Weymouth
Gertrude Kimball
Clarence Littlefield
Grace Wormwood
John P. Williams

Pageant

Mildred MacDonald, Ch.
Ralph Booth
Rev. & Mrs. Wm. McCulloch
Virginia Holder
Helen Saunders
Waldo Chick, Co-Ch.
Eleanor Adams
Marjorie Lord
Marion Chase
Mr. & Mrs. Milbury F.
Freeman

Parade

Roby P. Littlefield, Ch.
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Bragdon
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Littlefield
Maxine Miller
Blanche Brewster
Alma Parker
Walter Cole
Joan Moulton
Maude Hilton
Forest Chase
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Merrill
Peggy Ives
Leigh Webber
Mr. & Mrs. George Lord
Charles Seamon
W. C. Mavel
Frank Hatch
Gertrude Lord
Paul Kimball
Mary Kennedy
George Whittier
Mr. & Mrs. David Woodbury

Publicity

Althine B. Wyman, Ch.
Blanche Brewster
Edward Hipple
Wheat Nickerson
Mr. and Mrs. Philip W.
Hussey
Mrs. A. M. Rousseau
Leigh Webber
Bertha Thyng

Advertising

Blanche Brewster
Mrs. Kenneth Young
Mrs. A. M. Rousseau
Mrs. Palmer Perkins
Mrs. Philip Hussey

Photography

Edward Hipple



STATEMENT OF THE WELLS 300th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Receipts:

Town of Wells Appropriation	
1952	\$ 100.00
Town of Wells Appropriation	
1953	1,800.00
Ogunquit Village Appropriation	1,800.00
Donations	160.00
Pageant	409.50
Sales Tax Refunds	26.48
Historical Committee	189.69

TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 4,485.67
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Expenses:

General	\$ 1,523.67
Pageant	1,352.21
Parade	585.29
Fireworks	1,024.50

TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 4,485.67
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The following is a report of the finances of the Historical Committee which was formed to raise funds through the sale of booklets. These funds will be turned over to the Historical Society, when formed.

Receipts:

Sale of Booklets	\$ 447.75
Advertising in book	2,821.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 3,268.75
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Expenses:

Printing Booklets	\$ 1,350.50
Materials and photos	141.56
Travel Expenses	54.89
Paid to 300th Anniversary	
Committee to make up deficit	189.69

TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ 1,736.64
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BALANCE ON HAND—December 31, 1953—	\$ 1,532.11
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Ocean View Cemetery

The problem of acquiring land for cemetery purposes is still our major project and concern. Lack of available burial lots has greatly hindered the growth of the Corporation as well as causing inconveniences for our citizens and friends. A Committee is still working on the problem and it is hoped that a solution will soon be reached.

It will be noted from the following report that the Trust Fund Account shows a small gain over the last year. Lot owners in the cemetery should make every effort to arrange for perpetual care. Funds for this purpose are invested in securities that are legal for Savings Banks in Maine to insure the highest possible degree for safety for those seeking to perpetuate the care of their lots in the future. The "reasonable man" rule is followed at all times by the Investment Committee with a view of obtaining the highest possible return on our securities in keeping with safety.

Your attention is also called to the fact that the Corporation cares for lots on an annual fee basis depending on the size of the lot. Owners desiring this service should contact Alberta A. Morrison, Treasurer.

Assets

Perpetual Care Trust Funds

Bonds	\$ 13,050.00
Preferred Stocks	2,518.78
Savings Accounts	632.84

Other

40 Acre Wood Lot, Branch Road	80.00
15 Acre Wood Lot, East side, Tear Coat Road	30.00

\$ 16,311.62

The annual meeting of the Corporation was held in the Parish House of the Second Congregational Church February 1, 1954 with over twenty members present. It is the purpose of the Corporation to increase its membership. Please remember that our meetings are public and any one interested are invited to attend and participate in the work of the Association.

**Report of Receipts and Expenditures from
February 1, 1953 to January 31, 1954**

Receipts

Balance on hand, Community Trust Company	\$ 981.32
Town of Wells, Appropriation	400.00
Interest and Dividends from Trust Funds	478.75
Annual Care, Season 1952	145.33
Annual Care, Season 1953	78.34
Interest on Auburn Savings Bank	4.50
Perpetual Care	400.00
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	\$ 2,488.24

Expenditures

Reginald C. Jones, Superintendent and Caretaker	\$ 713.50
Mooer's Raido and T. V. Service, Repairs and parts for mowers and equipment purchased	108.05
Administration, other	68.17
Investment of funds from Perpetual Care Deposits	877.26
Balance on deposit at Community Trust Company	721.26
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	\$ 2,488.24

Ocean View Cemetery Corporation
By Walter E. Hatch, President

Assessor's Report

The Assessors have a few suggestions that we feel would improve the efficiency of the Board, and make for more interest in the work. We have given these much thought and ask that you do the same.

We submit the following suggestions for your consideration:

1—A "Rotating Board," so that there is always one member who understands what is being done, and recommendations made by the State Assessors. How the records are kept, and what exemptions should be allowed.

2—"Building Permits" (no charge for these) for all remodeling or construction changes, as well as for new buildings. Simply a method of aiding the Assessors in making a fair division of Taxes. We now use a "Hunt and Find" system, except in the zoned districts, and we also have to use the system there in some instances.

3—A more efficient "Map System." Each map made to the same scale per inch, and lettered so that they would match and fit together to give a complete picture of the Town.

4—Transportation: To check over 200 pieces of New Property, list dogs for licensing, list poll taxes, takes miles of driving. We feel that a reasonable allowance should be provided for on the field work, not come out of salary.

In 1953 there were 344 Abstracts of Conveyances, (changes of property) received from Registry of Deeds at Alfred. There were other changes not yet registered. This means not only changing the name of the property owner, or making the proper division of property but changing the name of the abutting owners records. We have a list of over 150 construction changes or new buildings that we have noted during the year for the 1954 tax. For these only 42 building permits were obtained.

Finally, we feel that a full time Assessor would be a great asset to the Town and that it should be considered for the not to far future.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace E. Wormwood, Chairman

VALUATION OF THE TOWN

Real Estate, Wells Resident	\$ 2,593,900.00
Ogunquit Resident	2,747,070.00
Real Estate, Wells Non-Resident	2,903,690.00
Ogunquit Non-Resident	1,836,200.00
Personal Estate, Wells Resident	125,450.00
Ogunquit Resident	131,310.00
Personal Estate, Wells Non-Resident	60,070.00
Ogunquit, Non-Resident	58,570.00
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Total Valuation	\$10,456,260.00
Rate, \$32.00 per \$1,000.00	\$334,600.32
Total Polls, 966 @ \$3.00	2,898.00
Variance	13.00
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Total Commitment	\$337,511.32

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Appropriations	\$323,681.33
County Tax	8,336.54
Overlay	5,493.45
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	\$337,511.32

Collection of Taxes

Charges:

1953 Commitment	\$337,511.32	
Supplemental taxes	865.35	
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Total Charges		\$338,376.67

Credits:

Cash Collections	\$315,907.69	
Cash Collections By Treasurer	17.60	
Abatements	1,799.48	
Discounts Allowed	2,429.30	
Rebates (Overpayments)	(97.89)	
Adjustment	(2.39)	
	<hr/>	\$320.053.79
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1953 Taxes Receivable—December 31, 1953		\$ 18,322.88

PERCENTAGE COLLECTED

95%

CECIL O. LANCASTER

Collector

Town Clerk's Report

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	248	
Spayed	88	
Female	36	
Kennel	6	
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GAME LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Fishing	208	
Resident Combination	118	
Resident Hunting	477	
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Non-resident Fishing Season	28	
Non-resident Fishing 15 day	25	
Non-resident Fishing 3 day	24	
Non-resident Hunting Deer	44	
Non-resident Hunting Deer Jr.	1	
Non-resident Hunting Bird	11	
	<hr/>	133
- Total		<hr/> 1314

123 deer tagged at Farley's Filling Station:
62 Buck, 61 Doe.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

In Wells, 0	Out of Town, 71	Total 71
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Deaths

In Wells, 27	Out of Town, 27	Total 54
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Marriages

In Wells, 14	Out of Town, 29	Total 43
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Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY B. PARKER,
Deputy Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

BALANCE—January 1, 1953		\$ 33,498.54
Withholding Tax	15,432.41	
Social Security	715.12	
Group Insurance	337.61	
Teachers' Retirement (E.R.S.)	4,069.60	
Town Hall Building	1,512.29	
Accounts Receivable	367.14	
Other Town Poor	606.68	
Town Equipment Rental	13,665.51	
Summer Maintenance	438.75	
Winter Maintenance	3,144.84	
1953 Wells Excise Tax	11,220.72	
1953 Ogunquit Excise Tax	6,240.38	
1954 Wells Excise Tax	1,660.18	
1954 Ogunquit Excise Tax	1,070.98	
1952 Taxes	12,524.01	
1953 Taxes	318,336.99	
Discount on taxes	2,429.30	315,907.69
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1947 Tax Liens	3.90	
1950 Tax Liens	50.82	
1951 Tax Liens	1,062.55	
1952 Tax Liens	5,185.79	
Administration	1,031.28	
Interest	931.19	
Moody Beach Toilets	18.48	
Health Officer's Supplies	1.40	
Anticipation Notes	168,000.00	
Athletic Field	8,200.00	
Street Lights	36.00	
Town Road Improvement	4,683.07	
Shade Trees	918.32	
State Aid Construction	4,826.45	
Tax Acquired Sales Profit	78.09	
Highpine Fire Association	81.74	
Fire Fighting	285.28	
Dividends (Bank Stock)	26.40	
Wells Beach Toilets	147.19	
Police	28.00	

Wells Corner Hose Co.	78.84	
Wells Beach Hose Co.	500.28	
School Repair Account	68.00	
School Maintenance	31,833.98	
1952 Excise Tax Wells	59.13	
1952 Ogunquit Excise Tax	153.83	
1950 taxes	24.07	
1951 taxes	67.68	
	<hr/>	\$617,285.67
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		\$650,794.21

EXPENDITURES

Warrants, 1-53 Inclusive	\$610,772.06	
Cash Balance January 1, 1954	40,022.15	\$650,794.21
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BAYLEY TRUST FUND

Community Trust Company (Ogunquit Branch)		
Bank Book Number 5074	\$	316.25
Dividends received from Investments		24.00
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Disbursements		
Philip Hines, Supt. of Schools		10.00
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Balance December 31, 1953 as evidenced by Community Trust Company Bank Book Number 5074	\$	330.25

Assets in kind in custody of Town Treasurer

- 14 shares, Brown Company Common as evidenced by Certificate No. VTC/B7643
- 3 shares, Brown Company, \$3.00 Cumulative Second Preference stock as evidenced by Certificate No. VT3/B 788
- 3 shares, Brown Company, \$5.00 Cumulative Convertible First Preference stock as evidenced by Certificate No. VT5/B 791

WALTER E. HATCH

Town Debt

Community Trust Company:

Bridge Note No. 7
Athletic Field Note No. 1
Athletic Field Note No. 2

Rate	Maturity	Amount
2%	6-25-54	\$ 1,480.00
2%	9- 1-54	4,000.00
2%	9- 1-55	4,200.00
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		\$ 9,680.00

TOTAL NOTES PAYABLE

20

BONDS PAYABLE

Purpose	Date of Issue	Rate	Maturity
Refunding	1922	5 %	\$ 500.00 annually
High School	1935	3½ %	2,000.00 annually to 1959 and
			1,000.00 in 1960
School Improvement	1940	2 %	2,000.00 in 1954
			600.00 in 1955
School	1951	2 %	12,000.00 1954-1957
			\$ 13,000.00 1958-1962

Original Issue	Amount Outstanding
\$ 18,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
47,500.00	13,500.00
28,600.00	2,600.00
\$125,000.00	\$113,000.00
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\$141,280.00	\$131,600.00

Total Bonds Payable

TOTAL TOWN DEBT, DECEMBER 31, 1953

General Government

ADMINISTRATION

I wish to encourage all citizens to bring their town problems to my attention. My door is always open,, and I am willing to discuss municipal affairs with you at any time.

Some arrangements should be made to increase our office space as there are times when our conversations should be confidential, especially charity cases. It is really a little too congested for the Assessors and Town Manager to use the same room.

As I have been here only a short time I will let the detailed report show you the results and accomplishments of the year 1953, rather than try to tell you in words.

Administration

Town Appropriation	\$ 18,230.00
Other	1,043.84
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	\$ 19,273.84

Expenditures

Town Managers Salary	\$ 4,625.80
Town Managers Expense	825.00
Office Clerks	2,330.00
Officers Expenses	185.15
Assessors Salaries	1,200.00
Assessors Assistant	1,036.00
Assessors Expense	18.80
Checking Tax Title	102.40
Town Reports, Tax Lists, etc.	1,957.51
Town Meeting and Elections	207.50
Telephone, office and Drakes Island	393.61
Postage	731.40
Office Supplies and Expense	817.32
Town Clerks Tel. and Supplies	133.87
Assessors Supplies	717.22
Tax Leins	544.80
Audit	460.50

Office Equipment	365.49
Legal Services	156.74
Other Expenses, etc.	528.79
Town Clerk and Treas. Salary	850.00
Due School Committee Salary	300.00
Bonds and Insurance	335.34
Selectmens Salary	7.00

18,830.24

Balance

\$ 443.60

TOWN HALL BUILDING

Due to the small amount appropriated at the last annual town meeting for the town hall building, many necessary repairs were neglected. One half of the roof should be shingled this year. The front door is completely worn out. There are several minor repairs that should be attended to during the ensuing year.

Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,020.00
Rents and Other	1,512.29
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	\$ 2,532.29

Expenditures

Janitor	\$ 1,060.00
Lights	186.32
Fuel	1,040.80
Water	103.43
Repairs	95.46
Other	263.82
Decorating	247.00

\$ 2,996.83

Overdraft

\$ 464.54

Protection

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 13 Arrests. 12 convictions.
- 1 Committment to Pownal State Hospital.
- 567 Records logged in Police log.
- 90 Delinquent dog licenses collected.
- 50 Health cases investigated and cleared.

(Chief of Police)

WILLIAM R. SHAW

The reason for the overdraft in my 1953 budget was for extra men that I had to use for the tercentennial celebration and forest fires.

I received on the average of 25 calls a day during the summer months and on the average of 15 a day, the balance of the year. During the summer months, I was called out during the night on the average of 3 times a week. Many cases were taken care of in my office at my home, by complainants, who came to my home.

I had 3 steady officers and 2 spare officers on duty during the summer months. The steady officers covered Wells Beach and Drake Island. The spare officers covered Moody Beach Parking Lot, Wells Corner, etc., and only on duty when I deemed it necessary. I was often called upon to put a man on duty at different places, but could not do so, due to the lack of men and budget not being sufficient to do. I (the Chief) cover the entire town in the Police Cruiser, at all hours, many days I put in 18 to 20 hours a day. I have a complete type-written log of all cases taken care of by this department since I was appointed Chief of Police in 1951.

In addition to my steady officers and spare officers, I also have 2 policewomen that I assign to duty when necessary.

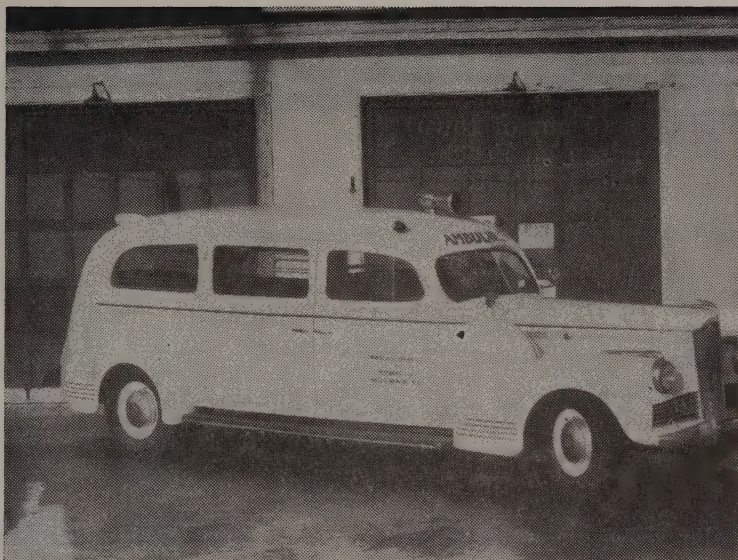
(Chief of Police)

WILLIAM R. SHAW

Appropriation	\$ 4,752.00
Other	28.00
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	\$ 4,780.00

Expenditures

Chief of Police	\$ 2,703.00	
Special Officers	1,687.00	
Car Expense	477.76	
Radio	75.00	
Supplies	172.12	
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	\$ 5,114.88	
Overdraft		\$ 334.88



Wells Beach Hose Company Ambulance

The above ambulance was purchased by the Wells Beach Hose Company and by the large contributions of Capt. and Mrs. James Enwoldsen, was reconditioned and equipped and is at present a first class ambulance with Inhalator and Respirator, available.

The thought behind the purchase of this Ambulance was not to make money for this Company but to offer a much needed service for the Town. This ambulance and equipment is owned and maintained by the Wells Beach Hose Company at no cost to the Town.

Since the first month of operations this ambulance has had to be used by several local residents, should however the Company finds that fees do not equal the yearly depreciation of this equipment, special events will be held to augment the difference. In this way we will have an ambulance in first class condition available to all in the Town and nereby areas.

The Wells Beach Hose Company wishes to publicly express their gratitude to Capt. and Mrs. Enwoldsen for the financial assistance they gave towards this venture.

WELLS BEACH HOSE COMPANY

The following report states the number of fire calls answered by the department during 1953.

Fire Calls (5 out of town)	76
Lost Children on Beach	14
Rescue Calls (inhalator)	11
Town Dump	32
Still Alarms (pumping out cellars, etc.)	22

Total calls answered for the year	155
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Due to the shortage of local manpower during the summer months, I shall try to enlist the aid of male summer residents to support the department if, and when, needed as an auxiliary fire-fighting force.

GORDON A. BRIDGES,
Chief

Balance January 1, 1953	\$ 240.56
Appropriation	3,250.00
Others	500.28
	<hr/> \$ 3,990.84

Expenditures

Truck Main	\$ 1,316.61
Telephone	251.22
Lights	212.16
Fuel	409.30
Fire Alarm and Others	873.65
Fire Supplies	1,141.74
Supplies	227.61
Heating System	385.00
	<hr/> \$ 4,817.29
Overdraft	\$ 826.45

WELLS CORNER HOSE COMPANY

Balance January 1, 1953	\$ 10.28
Appropriation	2,775.00
Others	78.84
	<hr/> \$ 2,864.12

Expenditures

Truck Main	\$ 601.70
Telephone	86.50
Lights	124.33
Fuel	236.84
Fire Whistle	230.78
Repairs	689.34
Water	5.68
Supplies	871.44

	<u>\$ 2,846.61</u>	
Balance		\$ 17.51

LIFE SAVING

Resources

Town appropriation	\$ 1,700.00
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Expenditures

Lifeguards	\$ 1,755.57	
Supplies	43.48	
Equipment rental	3.52	
	<u></u>	\$ 1,802.57

Overdraft		\$ 102.57
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FIRE FIGHTING

Appropriation	\$ 200.00	
Other	285.28	
	<u></u>	\$ 485.28

Expenditures

Labor	\$ 3,446.08	
Lunches	100.74	
Money advanced on Sanford Fire	110.00	
Sanford Fire	25.00	
	<u></u>	
	\$ 3,681.82	
Overdraft		\$ 3,196.54

SANFORD ROAD WATER AND FIRE HYDRANTS

Appropriation	\$ 4,200.00
Balance January 1, 1953	72.90
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	\$ 4,272.90

Expenditures

Wells, Kennebunk & Kennebunkport Water Company	\$ 3,932.17	
Balance		\$ 340.73

ANNUAL REPORT OF HIGHPINE FIRE ASSN.

1953

The following is a brief summary of activities of the Fire Assn. for 1953.

Membership of about 70 members, 30 which are active.

We operate a 1948 Oren Roanoke 500 gallon pumper which had over 100 hours service at the Sanford forest fire, 10,000 gallons of water was transported by this truck at that fire. 15,000 relayed from other tank trucks. 1939 Ford truck was used about 60 hours. Portable pump, 18 hours, 8000 ft. 1½" hose layed, 400 ft. 2½" hose layed. Under Mutual Aid there was no charge for this equipment. New equipment this year was 600 ft. 2½" hose, 150 ft. ¾" hose and 50 ft. 1½" hose. 1½ hose replacement of hose lost by fire on Burnt Mill Road.

The purchase of the 600 ft. 2½" hose and test made by the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association of Boston will give the community a reduction in insurance rates, effective October 16, 1953. Test 122 lbs. per square inch, 525 gallons per minute. Test 252 lbs. per square inch 177 gallons per minute.

Note—Community - 3 road miles from fire house.

List of hose and date manufactured

400 ft. 2½"	1945
600 ft. 2½"	1953
1000 ft. 1½"	1944
2000 ft. 1½" Not Town pur.	1945
500 ft. ¾" Booster hose	1948
150 ft. ¾" Booster hose and nozzle	1953

Alarms

House	4
Chimney	4
Look out tower	5
Grass Woods	17
Town dump	2
Other	8

Sanford Fire not in this report of Alarms.

There has been no charge for labor in care of equipment to town. 1939 Ford is being built up for forest fire and hose truck. Indian tanks in use from 1944 should be replaced. (10)

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP P. HATCH, Chief

The auxiliary will have spent over \$800.00 on fire house this year. Hats off to them. They have done a great job.

HIGHPINE FIRE ASSOCIATION

Balance January 1, 1953	\$ 1,247.62
Appropriation	1,375.00
Other	81.74
	\$ 2,704.36

Expenditures

Maintenance	\$ 238.14	
Fire Supplies	1,002.74	
Telephone	73.35	
Lights	101.08	
Fuel	237.45	
Repairs	609.70	
	\$ 2,343.72	
Balance		\$ 360.64

Civil Defense

At the present writing this important department is in need of re-organization. Many active members have fallen by the wayside. I believe that a meeting should be called in the near future by interested people. I will give it my full support. We never know when an emergency will arise. Remember PEARL HARBOR.

Resources

Balance carried forward	\$ 1,066.65	
Town appropriation	500.00	
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		\$ 1,566.65
		\$ 1,566.65

Expenditures

Supplies	\$ 25.46	
Tower	1,259.85	
Lights	11.53	
Director	8.42	
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		\$ 1,305.26
Balance carried forward		\$ 261.39

STREET AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Resources

Town appropriation	\$ 4,800.00	
Other	36.00	
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		\$ 4,836.00

Expenditures

Street	\$ 4,240.42	
Traffic	447.91	
Neon Signs	164.10	
Garage	129.12	
Christmas Tree	50.25	
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		\$ 5,031.80
Overdraft		<hr/>
		\$ 195.80

Charity

TOWN POOR

There was an increase in our town poor account, due to the fact, that there has been more elderly people placed in convalescent homes.

Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 12,000.00
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Expenditures

Aid to needy	\$ 14,165.40
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Overdraft	<hr/>	\$ 2,165.44
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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
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Expenditures

State of Maine	\$ 1,162.08
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Overdraft	<hr/>	\$ 162.08
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Health and Sanitation

A generalized program of Public Health Nursing was carried out in 1953, which includes bedside nursing of the acutely and chronically ill, maternity service, health supervision of infants, pre-school children, school children and adults and much concentration on health education and prevention of disease.

Health education and prevention of disease go hand in hand and are an extremely important part of your nursing service.

Our physical examinations are a form of preventive medicine and afford the school children a great amount of health education. Direct questions and answers between the individual child and the doctor is most beneficial and helps to dissolve any fears that the child may have. 201 thorough examinations were given by Dr. Tower and Dr. Smith to pupils in the first, fourth, seventh and tenth grades in the fall. Notices of any abnormalities found were mailed to the parents. This is the fifth year that this service has been offered in our schools and it's success may be measured by the increasing number of students participating each year.

Our dental program has also proven itself a great success. 44 third grade students had their teeth examined, corrective work done and topical flourine treatments completed during the 1952-53 school year. Many thanks to Dr. Filson for the fine job of teaching that he has made such an important part of these clinic visits. I believe that we may find the educational value of this clinic more productive and certainly more lasting than the actual work being done.

Immunization "shots" were given in the Wells and Ogunquit elementary schools in December. Immunization for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus was offered to all pupils up to ten years of age. 120 "booster shots" were given and 48 children were immunized for the first time. These 48 children will have two more injections at monthly intervals to establish an immunity to the diseases mentioned above.

The Well Baby Conference was held monthly in the nurses' office. Attendance averaged about the same as

last year. Infants and pre-school children were given physical examinations by Dr. Tower and a large number were immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. A small number of vaccinations for small-pox were also given.

All children up to school age are welcome to attend the Well Baby Conference. This service is strictly a preventive program and many abnormalities have been discovered early by our clinic doctor and brought to the parents' attention.

The Vaccination Clinic was held as usual in May. Any, any age is invited to attend. Vaccinations are offered annually by the town to the public free of charge according to our state law.

The school physical examinations dental clinic and the Well Baby Conferences are sponsored by the Wells—Ogunquit Health Association and of course are free of charge.

The Health Association and I wish to thank you for your fine support. You through your health association contribute much to your health program which benefits both the town as a whole and the individual.

I extend my sincere thanks to our busy doctors who never fail to find time to help when needed. Without their cooperation and advice our health program could not grow. I am deeply grateful to the volunteer workers who have helped so ably and given so generously of their time. And thanks, also to the many organizations in town who have contributed to our health work and who stand ever ready to help when an emergency arises.

MARGARET L. GRANT, R. N.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation		\$3,980.00
	Expenditures	
Nurses Salary	\$ 3,002.20	
Nurses Expense	854.20	
Telephone	70.80	
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	\$ 3,927.20	
Balance		\$ 52.80

DUMP

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
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Expenditures

Caretaker Salary	\$ 795.00
Town Equipment	105.00
Equipment Rental	201.58
Fill	20.40
Supplies	20.06

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	\$ 1,142.04	
Overdraft		\$ 142.04

STREET AND BEACH CLEANING

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
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Expenditures

Labor	\$ 1,034.65
Equipment Rental	598.82
Supplies	41.04
Other	320.00

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	\$ 1,994.51	
Overdraft		\$ 494.51

HEALTH OFFICERS SUPPLIES

Appropriation	\$ 50.00	
Other	1.40	
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	\$ 51.40	

Expenditures

Supplies	\$ 58.10
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Overdraft		\$ 6.70

Highways

Many improvements were made during the year of 1953 on the so-called back roads. Much blasting was done on several of the roads and many new culverts were installed. The Hobbs Farm Bridge was rebuilt and also the Merriland River Bridge. About one and one half miles of the Hiltons Lane Road was improved.

All of the dirt and gravel roads were graded last fall so as to give them the proper drainage. It is your managers opinion that the first step in road building and road improvement is to first make provisions to take care of the water. It is a waste of money to keep putting gravel on the roads and then next spring, let the spring rains wash it away.

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Resources

State of Maine	\$ 2,705.50	
Others	436.84	
Excise tax	11,374.30	
		\$ 14,516.64

Expenditures

Plowing	\$ 1,660.55	
Sanding	1,135.48	
Labor	2,203.60	
Town Equipment	3,419.75	
General Maintenance Equip. Rental	1,300.31	
Supplies	2,110.67	
Gravel and Sand	190.10	
State Highway Maintenance	808.40	
Salt	1,531.40	
Anti-Freeze	156.38	
		\$ 14,516.64

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Resources

Appropriation	\$ 14,000.00	
Other	514.65	
		\$ 14,514.65

Expenditures

General Labor	\$ 2,599.50	
Equipment Rental	2,400.23	
Town Equipment	6,476.00	
Supplies	1,144.43	
Culverts	652.99	
Signs	196.85	
Bridge Plank	619.23	
Gravel and Sand	109.00	
Calcium	757.00	
Drilling	560.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 15,515.23
Overdraft		<hr/> \$ 1,000.58

REGULAR CREWS SALARIES

Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 12,610.00
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Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 12,191.15
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Balance	\$ 418.85

Equipment

Balance January 1, 1953	\$ 2,160.54
Equipment Rental	13,583.01
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	\$ 15,743.55

Expenditures

Chev. Pickup	\$ 813.80	
Oskkosh	751.85	
Grader	340.94	
Bulldozer	1,505.50	
Garage	1,099.31	
Low Bed Trailor	27.28	
Small Tools and Supplies	2,244.24	
Plow and Plow Suplies	105.50	
Blasting	15.00	
Tank Truck	1,855.32	
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	\$ 8,758.74	
Balance		\$ 6,984.81

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Resources		
Town Appropriation	\$ 2,932.00	
State of Maine	4,826.45	
	<u> </u>	\$ 7,758.45
Expenditures		
Overdraft for 1952	\$ 4,068.95	
Expenditures 1953	1,577.94	
	<u> </u>	\$ 5,646.89
Balance		<u> </u>
		\$ 2,111.56

SIDEWALKS

Resources		
Balance carried forward	\$ 950.00	
Town appropriation	1,250.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,200.00
Expenditures		
Labor	\$ 320.00	
Equipment rental	750.16	
Use of town equipment	56.45	
Patch	470.05	
Supplies	4.90	
Loam	13.75	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,615.64
Balance Dec. 31, 1953		<u> </u>
		\$ 584.36

HILTONS LANE

Resources		
Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00	
Due from State (flood damage)	351.94	
	<u> </u>	\$ 3,851.94
Expenditures		
Culverts	\$ 567.60	
Dynamite	225.00	
Drilling	925.00	
Labor	661.11	

Use of town equipment	1,158.50	
Equipment rental	537.63	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,079.84
Overdraft		<hr/>
		\$ 227.90

SEAWALL

Resources		
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 1,774.50	
Town appropriation	1,000.00	
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Expenditures		
Town equipment	\$ 597.26	
Stone	943.30	
Labor	4.57	
Equipment rental	350.29	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,895.42
Balance carried forward		<hr/>
		\$ 879.08

PARKING AREAS

Resources		
Town appropriation	\$ 500.00	
Expenditures		
Labor	\$ 53.02	
Surveying	93.00	
Truck	147.86	
Supplies	54.21	
Equipment rental	159.90	
Drywell	57.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 564.99
Overdraft		<hr/>
		\$ 64.99

TAR

Resources	
Town appropriation	\$ 10,000.00

Expenditures

Labor	\$ 384.18	
Equipment rental	1,618.53	
Use of town equipment	797.13	
Tar	4,777.29	
Patch	751.80	
Moody Point	1,222.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,551.43
Balance		<hr/> \$ 448.57

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Resources

Due from State of Maine	\$ 2,752.05
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Expenditures

Equipment rental	\$ 211.56	
Drainage	332.58	
Application of gravel	2,394.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,938.34
Overdraft		<hr/> \$ 186.29

Publicity

Resources

Town appropriation	\$ 2,800.00
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Expenditures

Old Wells By the Sea	\$ 1,000.00	
Billboard	585.00	
Signs	340.54	
Maine Invites You—ad	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,175.54
Balance		<hr/> \$ 624.46

Athletic Field Committee

The members of the athletic field committee feel that the groundwork has been layed for an excellent athletic field.

Our main thought has been to do good work as we went and although we have tried to economize on purchase and labor, we have kept in mind long range values. Our first and most important order of business was the purchase of land for the field. After much consideration it was agreed by all that the natural and best location was near the facilities of the High School.

We have purchased a parcel of land adjacent to the present N. W. end of the school land. This parcel is about 270 feet deep and 993 feet in width or 6.1 acres. Land need for the field, since purchase, has been cleared of trees and stumps and together with a large part of the previously owned land has been brought to an approximate level for the field. Although a parcel of land this width was not actually necessary it was presented to us for sale on these terms only and does leave enough land for the future expansion of schools if necessary. The entire land owned by the school has been surveyed for boundries and that portion to be used for the field surveyed for drainage.

We presently show a balance of \$4,007.79, however of this amount \$2,300.00 is due to complete payment for the land. Thus leaving a balance of \$1,707.79.

The committee finds that the recommendations of authorities for the fastest completion of the field would be much too costly for our town so we have agreed upon a plan to build up the soil by a process of adding a thin layer of loam, fertilizing, sowing oats, cutting in same and seeding. This process, if started this spring would take two years for completion.

Our request includes all materials for fertilizing, seeding, loam, fences, watering, supervision and an allowance for underestimating costs.

If our plan is adopted, we feel that Wells will have

an athletic field comparable to fields recently constructed at nearby towns and at a much less cost.

Grover Perkins
Joseph Houston
Waldo Chick
Theodore Hutchins
Donald Knox

ATHLETIC FIELD

Resources

Note from Community Trust Co. \$8,200.00

Expenditures

Supplies	\$	18.90	
Loam		104.00	
Excavation		2,576.00	
Part payment on land		1,000.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,698.90
Balance Dec. 31, 1953			\$ 4,501.10

1953 Taxes Receivable

December 31, 1953

WELLS RESIDENT

Alexander, Clayton and Harriet H.	\$ 47.48	Clarrage, Charles & Mer-rill	10.56
Allen, Hrs., John	10.24	Clarrage, Nellie	31.04
*Andrews, Frank & May	82.88	Card, William, Sr.	5.24
Arsenault, Albert J.	100.28	Chadbourne, Donald	3.00
Abbott, Charles	3.00	Chadbourne, Harris	3.00
Bennett, Lucy	15.68	Chafee, Benjamin	3.00
Beyea, Elmer R.	58.24	Chaloux, Alphonse	3.00
Beyea, Robert R.	39.04	Coter, John E.	3.00
Boston, Hrs., Ralph H.	54.08	*Crissell, John	3.00
Bridges, Anna J.	45.12	*Darling, John	140.16
Bridges, Etta	33.28	*Davis, Charles L.	2.00
*Bridges, Gerald	63.68	Downs, Edith	27.52
Bridges, Gordon and Florence	100.16	Ducharme, John & Marion	152.64
Bridges, Leon R.	18.88	Dufort, Roland	20.16
Bridges, Paul and Frances	40.64	Dunn, Bernard & Katherine	186.04
*Brown, Carl	37.32	Dyne, Fred & Lena	36.48
*Brown, Nelson W. and Emeretta E.	38.72	Day, Gerald	3.00
Bernard, Gilbert	3.00	Day, Robert	3.00
Blanchard, Armand	3.00	DeCelles, Ernest	3.00
Boston, LeRoy	3.00	Dustin, Ruppert	3.00
Bridges, Elmer	3.00	*Earle, Clifton A.	23.80
*Bridges, Lindley	3.00	*Elwell, Etta	59.20
Brook, Harold J.	3.00	Emery, Albert E.	33.28
Campbell, William H.	30.40	Fenderson, Archie & Sarah	209.64
Card, Gertrude	93.76	Flanders, Walter	10.56
*Chadbourne, Nancy	12.16	Freeland, Roy & Maude	54.40
Chaloux, Roland	28.16	Freeland, Stanley	3.00
Chase, Daniel & Elsie	27.32	Gagnon, Alfred H.	82.88
Cheney, Leeman & Barbara	23.04	Gagnon, Gerald D. & Bertha P.	45.76
Clarrage, Charles R.	42.56	Gerow, Hrs., John	124.48
Clarrage, Charles & Mer-rill	3.20	*Goodale, Lovington & Helen	37.44
		Goodale, Raymond W., Sr.	6.20
		Goodale, Roy	42.88

Goodwin, Austin & Perkey		Hutchins, Lucille A.	139.52
	7.04	Hayes, Harold	3.00
Goodwin, Perley C.	100.16	Hill, Owen E., Sr.	3.00
Gray, Oscar, Elliott &		Hill, Owen E., Jr.	3.00
Grace	149.76	Hilton, Arthur	3.00
Gray, Roland	34.24	Hilton Harry A.	3.00
Geary, Paul	3.00	*Hubbard, Gordon L.	3.00
Gregoire, Godfi	3.00	Hubbard, Joseph	3.00
Gray, Russell	3.00	Hutchins, Edward, Jr.	3.00
Goodwin, Cyrennius	33.92	Hatch, Roger	12.48
Hall, Vernon E. & Flor-		Hanson, Ashton	9.60
ence R.	24.12	Hanson, Thaddeus	16.00
Hamel, Cyrille L.	3.20	†Kelley, Merrill	33.60
Harris, Chester V.	82.88	Kimball, Oliver	49.28
Hartsgrove, Burton &		Knight, Hrs., Hermon	
Dorothy	25.72	(c/o David Morison)	10.56
Hayes, Myrtle & Walter	42.88	Knight, Herbert	7.80
Hill, Martha	7.68	Krewchwk, Alexander	3.00
Hill, William D.	31.36	Lakeman, Leland &	
*Hilton Allen	59.20	Doris	95.04
Hilton, Albert	1.60	Lawrence, Frank C.	13.76
†Hilton, Allen & Hutchins,		Litchfield, Duane	144.64
Ralph	5.12	Litchfield, Lloyd & Doro-	
Hilton, Evelyn & Roland	3.00	thy	59.84
Hilton Harold A., Sr.	39.04	Littlefield, Roland A.	5.56
Hilton, Hrs., George		Littlefield, Roland E.	73.60
(Hazel Hilton)	2.84	*Littlefield, Walter P.	44.20
*Holden Edward	58.68	*Locke, Edwin F.	56.32
Hubbard, Hrs., Casper O.	35.84	*Lowe, Guy & Vivian	44.80
Hubbard, Hrs. Everett		Lacoy, Arthur	3.00
(c/o Gordon Hubbard)		Litchfield, Norman	3.00
	22.08	Littlefield, Harry S., Jr.	4.80
Hubard, Hrs., Everett		Littlefield, Philip	3.00
(c/o Normand Hubbard)		Lakeman, Fred	3.00
	13.76	Littlefield, Everett	89.60
*Hubbard, Russell & Eliza-		†MacLeod, Alex & Jessie	26.68
beth	67.20	McCarn, Hazel	14.08
Hubbard, Vernon &		Matthews, Carrol E.	58.24
Teresa	12.46	Matthews, Irving	24.00
*Hubbard, Virginia	28.80	Mathews, Leo	30.00
Hubbard, Wallace &		Matthews, Wesley F.	96.76
Hazel	51.20	Meally, Madeline & Shack-	
Hutuhins ,Ivan	8.76	ford, Margaret	17.28
		Meally, Raymond et al	198.72

Miller, Austin	5.44	Searles, Claude & Teresa	17.72
Moore, Erva	24.64	†Searles, Harry	79.36
Murray, Raymond & Sarah	55.36	†Shackford, Fred & Margaret	31.68
McCarn, Walter	3.00	Shaw, George A.	27.32
McClellan, James	3.00	Silver, Charles	1.60
McLaughlin, Thomas	3.00	Smith, Colby & Gladys	65.60
McNuge, LeRoy	3.00	*Stadig, Sadie & Clinton	84.48
Mellon, Roland	3.00	Stevens, Barbara D.	63.36
Miller, William	3.00	Strickland, Irving W.	65.60
*Moody, Donald	3.00	Strickland, James	20.28
Morse, Warren E.	3.00	Stevens, Richmond	9.92
Morawa, Hugu	105.08	Searles, Philip	3.00
Moore, Joseph A.	3.00	Shackford, Roland	3.00
Newhall, Bernard & La-Rose, Shirley	44.28	Smith, Elmer	3.00
Norman, Elizabeth	66.24	*Smith, Earl	3.00
Nevers, Francis	3.00	Stacy, Vernon N.	3.00
Oslen, John A.	3.00	Shapleigh, Ethel R.	350.72
Perkins, Merton & Margaret	7.16	†Searles, John P. & Isabella M.	18.36
Perkins, Roy M.	109.76	Tebbetts, H. Aromine (Leslie Tebbetts)	64.64
Perkins, Wilbur & Ethel	21.04	Towns, Theodore	16.00
Phillips, Helen	10.88	Trafton, Maude	36.48
Pierce, Herman	6.52	Tufts, Charles W., Sr.	109.76
Pierce, Mildred	65.60	*Tufts, Delbert	4.80
Pingree, Ella	226.56	Tufts, Samuel	28.60
Prescott, Robert & Marjorie	242.88	Theobald, Richard H.	3.00
*Patrick, Lewis A.	3.00	Trafton, Charles, Sr.	3.00
*Pike, Carl	3.00	*Webster, Edith	4.76
Pike, Mrs. Fred	9.60	*Wentworth, Jenney	18.56
Parker, Clifford	8.64	†Wildes, Forest S.	51.96
Robinson, Hrs., Leona & Shorey, Rose (Walter Hatch)	82.67	Wolfe, William E.	10.04
*Roukie, Raymond J.	3.00	Woodman, Kirkland, Sr.	55.68
Randall, Harry	3.00	Woodman, Kirkland, Jr.	12.28
Reeves, Forrest	3.00	Worthing, Robert B.	19.96
Roberts, Clarence	3.00	Welch, Walter Joseph	3.00
Roberts, Clifford	3.00	*York, Harry B.	23.68
*Sawyer, Arthur & Frank	60.48	WELLS NON-RESIDENT	
*Sawyer, Hrs., Frank (Maude Sawyer)	155.52	Allen, Arthur J.	1.92
		Allen, Curtis	2.24
		Aragona, Daniel	20.48
		*Bayside Petroleum Co.	331.20
		Burrier, Walter &	

Clara	114.56	*MacGillivray, Edward & Ruth	1.00
Ralph Brown Lumber Co.	16.00	McCabe, Edward & Clarie	100.48
Chadbourne, Laura	3.20	*Matthews, Harry P. & Rose W.	98.56
*Cheney, Hrs., Alfred & Howard (Grace Willey)	11.52	Maxwell, George & Martha	51.84
Chevalier, Aime & Rosa	63.36	Miller, Barbara S.	41.36
Clark, Frank W.	1.60	Mitchell, Mrs. Eben A.	44.48
*Colutier, Leo E. & Laura	153.92	†Morry, Leonard I.	55.04
Cole, Freeman	41.28	Murray, Henry & Ruth	58.56
Cote, Jean L. & Helen M.	38.40	*Oakes, David	125.76
Coye, Arthur & Nellie	71.52	Parsons, M. H. & Sons Lumber Co.	16.96
Crabtree, Arthur & Christine	3.56	Paulin, Irene	159.68
*Crediford, John W., Jr.	1.60	Porrell, Louise	8.96
*D'Antillio, Aria & Mary	100.80	Priestly, Florence,	38.40
*Dagan, Wilfred	32.00	Prescott, Gordon & Ruth	321.60
Dixon, Fred & Alton	82.24	Rich, James E.	55.68
*Downey, Mathew J.	136.00	Rollins, Hrs., Sarah	70.40
Dutch, Bradford	2.24	Rowe, Preston & Herma	32.00
Elworthy, H. M.	9.60	Ruggerik, Samuel & Susan	96.64
Farrar, William J.	1.60	Ryan, Leo	8.32
Filion, Theodore W.	102.72	*Seavey, Helen Maude	23.04
Fuller, Marshall	48.96	*Sherburne, Ida M.	3.52
Galusha, Corydon	5.12	Simiono, Herbert	1.60
Gilchrist, Carrie M.	30.89	Smith, Arthur W. J.	27.52
Gormley, Elmer & Helen & Richards, Albert	107.84	Stevens, Lester Chester, Sr.	16.64
Grimm, Katherine & Johnston, Lillian	62.40	St. Jean, William & Anita	55
Hamel, Roland & Edith	161.92	Stickney, Myron	30.08
Hartwell, Tessie & Ryan, James (George Shaw)	6.40	Swett, Blanche	55.68
Jones, Mary L. & Russell, W. B.	19.52	True, Howard B.	259.20
Lamson, Blair & Leona	102.08	†Tucker, Francis L. (Estate of Leontine & George Ricker)	30.08
Leach, Arthur	.64	Whitehouse, Arnold	70.40
*Lemonitz, Issac	27.52	Williams, John C.	48.32
Linscott, Freeman	1.60	*Wing, Earl V.	61.12
LeHoux, Rene J. & Ruth B.	41.28	*Woodman, Harold & Emily	72.32

OGUNQUIT RESIDENT

Adams, Frank	86.40
Amazeen, Bradford	3.00
Andrews, Robert W.	3.00
*Brewster, Gordon E., Sr.	87.08
*Brewster, Gordon & Margaret	54.84
Brown, Ida M.	115.84
Brown, William & Ida	22.84
Beaulieu, Rosario	3.00
Brosman, Martin	3.00
Clark, Hrs., Leslie (Carroll Clark)	5.76
Cray, Wilmont C.	16.28
Collins, John C.	3.00
Coombs, Raymond F.	3.00
Coombs, Roland	4.80
Coombs, Erland	25.60
Damren, Arthur & Lucille	149.44
Day, Richard T.	12.60
Dunstin, Wilfred	3.00
Day, Richard T.	31.36
Ganellas, Constantine	746.56
*Gookin, Vincent	3.00
Graham, John F.	3.00
*Hazlett, Elden	3.00
Hazlett, Marvell	3.00
Johnson, Albert & Elsie	31.16
Johnson, Frank G.	30.40
Keyes, Flora B.	1.00
Kierstead, Richard	9.88
Littlefield, Marcus	9.60
LaPointe, Rodrique	9.92
*Lusty, David	3.00
McCrensky, Harold	3.00
Mattei, Anthony	30.84
*Miller, John F.	70.84
Murray, Susan	88.00
*Mayo, Elizabeth	8.00
*Mayo, Charles	3.00
Marston, Francis, Jr.	3.00
Parkhurst, Dorothy H.	221.12
Perkins, Clifford W.	96.48

*Perkins, Ernest L.	26.68
Poisson, George	3.00
*Poulson, John	3.00
Ramsdell, Mrs. Clifford	103.68
*Ramsdell, Harold	3.00
Robichaud, Robert	3.00
Rondeau, George	3.00
Shorey, Edna M.	247.68
Smith, George F.	1,286.08
Soule, George	40.96
Strater, Henry	522.56
Shorey, Morey J.	3.00
Sylvia, Warren	3.00
Taylor, Sturgis & Esther B.	529.28
Tillinghast, Polly Anne & Robert	75.84
Ware, Stanley	3.00
Wikoff, Howard E.	3.00
York, Eben & Blanche E.	3.00

OGUNQUIT NON-RESIDENT

*Buysee, Octavia Hill	216.64
Blouin, Leonard	16.00
Cronin, Martha I.	92.48
Dorr, Clyde, Jr.	11.20
Fitanides, Paul & Victoria	15.36
Faulkner, John, Jr.	16.00
Hobart, Glenn, Jr.	16.00
Kane, George & Smith, Charles	571.84
Keating, Marion	8.00
Leshansky, Lillian H.	135.68
*Littlefield, Walter P.	10.56
*Larsen, Mr. Wilbur	16.00
MacDonald, Edward	16.00
McAllister, George	16.00
*McMahon, Arthur G.	16.00
Miller, Clover	16.00
Osborn, Kenneth & Ruth	56.00
Perkins, Vern	3.20
Peterson, Philip	16.00

Phetteplace, Chester	16.00
Robichaud, Elia A.	55.36
Sherman, James	16.00
Tuberville, Don A.	156.48
*White, James W. & Flor- ence	11.84
*Wing, Doris C.	4.80
Worsencroft, John	16.00

SUPPLEMENTAL

Willet, Raymond	288.00
Murphy, James	3.00
Neil, John W.	16.00
Hilton, Roland & Eve- lyn	37.12
Bowen, Henry A.	3.00
Brickley, Janet	3.20
Sheipe, Michael A.	3.00
Bedell, Clyde	8.67

*—Paid in full since books closed.

†—Partial payment since books closed.

Auditor's Report

JOHN L. ALHEIM

Certified Public Accountant

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Fellow District of Columbia Institute of

Certified Public Accountants

February 10, 1954

Board of Selectmen,
Town of Wells,
Wells, Maine.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, we have made an examination of the books and records of the Town of Wells for the year ended December 31, 1953.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination which did not include the operations of the former Town Manager audited by the State Audit Division, the financial affairs of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

In our opinion, the accompanying Exhibits and Schedules fairly present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the year ended December 31, 1953, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Alheim

Certified Public Accountant.

COMMENTS

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS \$ 40,022.15

The cash balance was checked and ascertained to be in agreement with the amount on deposit. Independent confirmation was made of the balances on deposit in the Tax Collector's and Treasurer's accounts with the Community Trust Company of Ogunquit.

ACCOUNTS RECEIABLE \$ 4,171.27

This amount consists of outstanding balances owing to the Town as at December 31, 1953 for flood damage, road improvement and pauper assistance from the State of Maine, along with charges due from individuals for special town services and equipment rentals. Many of the last named charges have remained unpaid since 1952.

TAXES RECEIVABLE \$ 18,820.47

The detail of this account is presented in Schedule 2, supported by an itemized listing of all years excepting 1953, in Schedule 7. A list of unpaid taxes for 1953 will appear elsewhere in the town report and therefore has not been duplicated here.

Unpaid taxes have been independently confirmed by the State Auditors who will render a separate report to the Town on the scope of their examination.

TAX LIENS \$ 5,299.62

All payments on tax liens as evidenced by Treasurer receipts were checked and found to be credited to the proper items with minor adjustments.

INVESTMENTS \$ 770.00

The securities represented by the above account were examined during the course of our audit. Details are set forth in Schedule 3.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$ 10,589.15

The amounts comprising this account, representing unpaid obligations, is outlined in Schedule 4.

RESERVE FOR AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES \$ 43,797.73

This amount represents the excess of unexpended balances of accounts over overdrafts being carried forward to the ensuing year. Itemized detail of the accounts involved is set forth in the Statement of Departmental Operations—Exhibit D, annexed to this report.

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS \$ 14,696.63

The net beneficial gain from current operating accounts lapsed, excise taxes unapplied and other sources, amounted to \$671.27. This resulted in a balance of \$14,696.63 in unappropriated surplus as at December 31, 1953. An analysis of the account appears in Exhibit C.

DEBT FUND

During the period under review notes payable outstanding at the beginning of the year were reduced by \$3,000.00 and bonds amounting to \$14,500.00 were retired. Additional debt was incurred as a result of the vote under article 3 of the last town meeting, the sum of \$8,200.00 having been borrowed for purchasing land and constructing an athletic field.

The detail of all note and bond issues outstanding are presented in Schedules 5 and 6 appended hereto.

GENERAL

We were unable to locate the corporate surety bond covering the Tax Collector and Treasurer during the course of our examination.

Excise tax collections were verified by examination of the copies retained by the Collector. It is our understanding that any exceptions will be commented upon in the state auditors report.

The overlay was ascertained to be within the legal limit of five percent of the appropriations plus county tax.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As an examination was made of certain areas of performance of the former Town Manager by the State Audit Division, it is understood that a report and recommendations will be forthcoming from Mr. Berry's office covering the phase. In addition to the recommendations of the State Auditor, the following

suggestions are believed to be worthy of consideration by the municipal officers:

- (1) The Collectors Warrant and Certificate of Commitment should be signed by all three Assessors;
- (2) We reiterate our recommendation of former years that an adequate abatement book be maintained in permanent form and also signed by all Assessors;
- (3) Disposition should be made of all checks over one year old;
- (4) Diligent effort should be made to reduce the amount of accounts receivable outstanding, many of which are over one year old;
- (5) All licenses and permits should be issued on prenumbered duplicate forms;
- (6) Supplemental taxes should be covered by warrant as provided in Chapter 81, Section 29, Revised Statutes of 1944;
- (7) The handling of school payrolls does not follow the accustomed procedure for processing disbursements of the Town. Such payrolls should be submitted to the town office like any other request for disbursement for inclusion in the current warrant and in turn approved by the Board of Selectmen prior to disbursement by the Town Treasurer.

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF WELLS **COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS**

Dec. 31, 1953 - Dec. 31, 1952

GENERAL FUND**ASSETS**

Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 40,022.15	\$ 33,498.54
Accounts Receivable—Schedule 1	4,171.27	828.78
Taxes Receivable—Schedule 2	18,820.47	21,037.98
Tax Liens—Schedule 8	5,299.62	3,446.35
Investments—Schedule 3	770.00	770.00

TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	\$ 69,083.51	\$ 59,581.65
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable—Schedule 4	\$ 10,589.15	\$ 10,297.62
Total Liabilities	\$ 10,589.15	\$ 10,297.62

RESERVES

Reserve For Authorized Expenditures— Exhibit D	43,797.73	35,258.67
Total Reserves	43,797.73	35,258.67

SURPLUS

Unappropriated—Exhibit C	14,696.63	14,025.36
TOTAL—GENERAY FUND	\$ 69,083.51	\$ 59,581.65

DEBT FUND**ASSETS**

Amount Necessary to Retire Notes From Future Revenue	\$ 9,680.00	\$ 4,480.00
Amount Necessary to Retire Bonds From Future Revenue	131,600.00	146,100.00
TOTAL—DEBT FUND	\$141,280.00	\$150,580.00

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable—Schedule 5	\$ 9,680.00	\$ 4,480.00
Bonds Payable—Schedule 6	131,600.00	146,100.00
TOTAL—DEBT FUND	\$141,280.00	\$150,580.00

TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS			
Investments	\$	336.59	\$ 316.25
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TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	\$	336.59	\$ 316.25
 LIABILITIES			
Principal	\$	300.00	\$ 300.00
Unexpended Income		36.59	16.25
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TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	\$	336.59	\$ 316.25

EXHIBIT B

TOWN OF WELLS STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 1953

CASH BALANCE—JANUARY 1, 1953 \$ 33,498.54

RECEIPTS:

Property and Poll Taxes:

Current Year	\$315,908.33	
Prior Years	12,615.76	
	<hr/>	\$328,524.09

Tax Liens 6,305.57

Excise Taxes—1952, 1953 and 1954 20,405.22

Departmental:

Arministration	2,365.41	
Protection	936.60	
Health	199.02	
Highways	26,805.80	
Charities	409.06	
Education	31,923.32	
Recreation	1,083.99	
Interest	1,159.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 64,882.76

Other Receipts:

Tax Anticipation Notes—	
Contra	168,000.00
Notes—Athletic Field	8,200.00
Accounts Receivable	321.14
Trust Fund Income	26.40

Tax Acquired Property Sales	75.75	
Withholding Taxes	15,432.41	
Teachers Retirement	4,069.60	
Social Security Taxes	707.44	
Group Insurance	345.29	
	<hr/>	\$197,178.03
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<hr/> \$617,295.67
TOTAL AVAILABLE		<hr/> \$650,794.21
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Departmental Operating Accounts	\$420,471.97	
Tax Anticipation Notes—Contra	168,000.00	
Withholding Taxes	14,829.04	
Teachers Retirement	5,803.61	
Social Security Taxes	1,370.38	
Group Insurance	297.06	
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<hr/> \$610,772.06
CASH BALANCE—DECEMBER 31, 1953		<hr/> \$ 40,022.15

EXHIBIT C

TOWN OF WELLS
STATEMENT OF
CHANGES IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS
Year Ended December 31, 1953

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS—JANUARY 1, 1953 \$ 14,025.36
INCREASE:

Excise Taxes Unapplied	\$ 4,576.80
Supplemental Taxes	1,122.58
Adjustment 1953 Taxes	2.39
Adjustment 1952 Taxes	.07
Profit on Sale of Tax Acquired Property	11.35
Payment Received on 1947 Lien	3.90
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Total Increase	\$ 5,717.09

DECREASE:

Departmental Balances Lapsed—Exhibit D

Overdrafts \$ 13,587.66

Unexpended 8,559.44

Adjustment of 1952 Liens 17.60

Total Decrease \$ 5,045.82

Net Increase \$ 671.27

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS—DEC. 31, 1953 \$ 14,696.63

TOWN OF WELLS

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31, 1953

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Administration
Town Hall Building

	Appropriation	Balances and Other Credits	Total Available	Total Expenditures	Balances Lapsed *Overdraft Unexpended	Balances Forward to 1954
	\$ 18,230.00	\$ 1,043.85	\$ 19,273.85	\$ 18,830.24	\$ 443.61	\$
	1,020.00	1,512.29	2,532.29	2,996.83	464.54*	
	<u>\$ 19,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,556.14</u>	<u>\$ 21,806.14</u>	<u>\$ 21,827.07</u>	<u>\$</u>	

PROTECTION:

Police
Fire Fighting
Hydrant Rental
High Pine Fire Dept.
Wells Beach Fire Dept.
Wells Corner Fire Dept.
Street and Traffic Lights

	\$ 4,752.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 4,780.00	\$ 5,114.88	\$ 334.88*	\$
	200.00	285.28	485.28	3,681.82	3,196.54*	340.73
	4,200.00	72.90	4,272.90	3,932.17		360.64
	1,375.00	1,329.36	2,704.36	2,343.72		
	3,250.00	740.84	3,990.84	4,817.29	826.45*	17.51
	2,775.00	89.12	2,864.12	2,846.61		
	4,800.00	36.00	4,836.00	5,031.80	195.80*	
	<u>\$ 21,352.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,581.50</u>	<u>\$ 23,933.50</u>	<u>\$ 27,768.29</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 718.88</u>

HEALTH AND SANITATION:

Nurse	\$ 3,980.00	\$		\$ 3,980.00	\$ 3,927.20	\$ 52.80	\$
Health Officer Supplies	50.00		1.40	51.40	58.10	6.70*	
Street & Beach Cleaning	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,994.51	494.51*	
Dump	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,142.04	142.04*	
	<u>\$ 6,530.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1.40</u>	<u>\$ 6,531.40</u>	<u>\$ 7,121.85</u>		<u>\$</u>

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

Regular Crews Salaries	\$ 12,610.00	\$		\$ 12,610.00	\$ 12,191.15	\$ 418.85	\$
Summer Maintenance	14,000.00		831.82	14,831.82	15,832.40	1,000.58*	
Tar	10,000.00		1,359.50	11,359.50	10,910.93	448.57	
Winter Maintenance			14,516.64	14,516.64	14,516.64		
Equipment			15,767.55	15,767.55	8,758.74		7,008.81
Town Road Improvement			7,435.12	7,435.12	7,621.41	186.29*	
State Road Construction	2,932.00		4,826.45	7,758.45	5,646.89		2,111.56
Sidewalks	1,250.00		950.00	2,200.00	1,615.64		584.36
Seawall Construction	1,000.00		1,774.50	2,774.50	1,895.42		879.08
Hilton's Lane Road	3,500.00		351.94	3,851.94	4,079.84	227.90*	
Parking Areas	500.00			500.00	564.99	64.99*	
	<u>\$ 45,792.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>47,813.52</u>	<u>\$ 93,605.52</u>	<u>\$ 83,634.05</u>		<u>\$ 10,583.81</u>

CHARITIES:

Town Poor	\$ 12,000.00	\$		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,165.44	\$ 2,165.44*	\$
State Poor			540.59	540.59	540.59		
Other Town's Poor			381.68	381.68	377.25	4.43	

Aid to Dependent Children		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,162.08	162.08*
		<u>\$ 13,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 922.27</u>	<u>\$ 13,922.27</u>	<u>\$</u>
EDUCATION:					
School Maintenance		\$ 98,296.00	\$ 54,335.68	\$152,631.68	\$
Repairs		4,000.00	500.03	4,500.03	\$ 18,348.16
		<u>\$102,296.00</u>	<u>\$ 54,835.71</u>	<u>\$157,131.71</u>	<u>\$ 29.65</u>
				\$138,753.90	\$ 18,377.81
RECREATION:					
Toilets—Wells Beach		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 147.19	\$ 1,147.19	\$1,004.70*
Toilets—Moody Beach		1,000.00	18.48	1,018.48	34.37*
Athletic Field			8,200.00	8,200.00	4,501.10
Life Saving		1,700.00		1,700.00	102.57*
Publicity		2,800.00		2,800.00	624.46
Memorial Day		200.00		200.00	
Shade Trees			1,713.82	1,713.82	1,262.57
Anniversary Committee		1,800.00		1,800.00	
Maine Publicity Bureau		200.00		200.00	
		<u>\$ 8,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,079.49</u>	<u>\$ 18,779.49</u>	<u>\$ 5,763.67</u>
UNCLASSIFIED:					
Insurance		\$ 4,837.18	\$ 40.55	\$ 4,877.73	\$
Buffam's Hill Cemetery			1,000.00	1,000.00	\$ 1,832.17
Ocean View Cemetery		400.00		400.00	960.00
Abateaments		950.00		950.00	934.60*
				1,884.60	

Discounts on Taxes	2,400.00	.64	2,400.64	2,429.30	28.66*
Tax Refunds				3.00	3.00*
Civil Defense	500.00	1,066.65	1,566.65	1,305.26	261.39
Town Garage		5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
Fishermans Slip		300.00	300.00		300.00
Ogunquit Village Corporation	81,571.52		81,571.52	83,571.52	2,000.00*
Ogunquit Share to Education	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
Moody Beach Sign	600.00		600.00	577.90	22.10
	<u>\$ 96,258.70</u>	<u>\$ 7,407.84</u>	<u>\$ 103,666.54</u>	<u>\$ 98,257.14</u>	<u>\$ 8,353.56</u>

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Debt and Interest	\$ 10,502.63	\$ 11,465.96	\$ 21,968.59	\$ 21,979.61	\$ 11.02*
Interest		1,051.17	1,051.17		1,051.17
	<u>\$ 10,502.63</u>	<u>\$ 12,517.13</u>	<u>\$ 23,019.76</u>	<u>\$ 21,979.61</u>	<u>\$</u>

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

County Tax	\$ 8,336.54	\$	8,336.54	\$ 8,336.54	\$
Overlay	5,493.45		5,493.45		5,493.45
	<u>\$ 13,829.99</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 13,829.99</u>	<u>\$ 8,336.54</u>	<u>\$</u>
	<u>\$337,511.32</u>	<u>\$138,715.00</u>	<u>\$476,226.32</u>	<u>\$437,456.81</u>	<u>\$ 43,797.73</u>

TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS

Total Overdraft	\$13,587.66*
Total Unexpended	\$ 8,559.44

TOWN OF WELLS
1953 VALUATION, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION
December 31, 1953

VALUATION:

Resident	\$ 5,340,970.00	\$256,760.00	\$ 5,597,730.00
Non-Resident	4,739,890.00	118,640.00	4,858,530.00
TOTAL VALUATION	\$10,080,860.00	\$375,400.00	\$10,456,260.00

ASSESSMENT:

Valuation x Rate	\$10,456,260.00 x .032	\$334,600.32
966 Polls @ \$3.00		2,898.00
Variance		13.00
Tax Commitment		337,511.32
Supplemental Taxes		865.35

TOTAL ASSESSMENT CHARGED TO COLLECTOR \$338,376.67

COLLECTION:

Cash Collections	\$315,907.69
Cash Collections by Treasurer	17.60
Abatements	1,799.48
Discounts Allowed	2,429.30
Rebates (Overpayments)	(97.89)
Adjustment	(2.39)
TOTAL CREDITED TO COLLECTOR	\$320,053.79
1953 TAXES RECEIVABLE—DECEMBER 31, 1953	\$ 18,322.88

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

TAX COMMITMENT	\$337,511.32
REQUIREMENTS:	
Appropriations	\$323,681.33
County Tax	8,336.54
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$332,017.87
OVERLAY	\$ 5,493.45

TOWN OF WELLS INSURANCE POLICIES IN FORCE

December 31, 1953

Company	Number	Coverage	Amount	From	To	Premium
Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.	WC 1-101365-53	Workmens Compensation	Schedule	3-15-53	3-15-54	\$ 501.55
Hartford Fire Ins. Co.	303	Bldg. & Contents	\$75,001.00	1- 2-51	1- 2-54	1,069.27
Hartford Fire Ins. Co.	322	Bldg. & Contents	75,000.00	1- 2-52	1- 2-55	1,157.52
Hartford Fire Ins. Co.	366	Bldg. & Contents	75,000.00	1- 2-53	1- 2-56	1,167.15
Hartford Fire Ins. Co.	SPF 603399	Sched. Prop. Floater	500.00	12-14-54	12-14-54	25.00
Berkshire Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	638921	Bldg. & Contents	74,999.00	1- 2-51	1- 2-54	1,069.25
Berkshire Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	638939	Bldg. & Contents	75,000.00	1- 2-52	1- 2-55	1,157.52
Berkshire Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	747158	Bldg. & Contents	75,000.00	1- 2-53	1- 2-56	1,167.15
The Travelers Indm. Co.	PG2719279	Plate Glass	Schedule	5- 5-53	5- 5-54	41.24
The Travelers Ins. Co.	SLA9564873	Comp. Auto Liability	10/20,000.	1- 5-53	1- 5-54	725.71
The Travelers Ins. Co.	HPS1826493	Owners Landlords Liab.	5/10,000.	2-28-52	2-28-55	156.00
The Travelers Ins. Co.	HPS2514191	Ditto-School	10/20,000.	3-31-53	3-31-54	40.71
The Travelers Ins. Co.	MA 1532125	Comp. Auto Fire-Theft	Schedule	1- 5-53	1- 5-54	185.49

SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF WELLS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

December 31, 1953

State of Maine

Flood Damage Repair Fund 1953	\$ 351.94	
Town Road Improvement Fund	2,752.05	
State Poor	315.59	
Unsettled Charity Case—1949	80.50	
		\$ 3,500.08

Equipment Rentals:

1952:

Elsie Libby	\$ 36.85	
Edith Cook	3.55	
Howard True	52.00	
Victor Boston	16.00	
Jerry Mack	6.00	
John Razza	177.56	
Russell Bridges	10.00	
Clifford Allen	36.00	
Antonio Mattei	16.00	
Ansel Stevens	7.68	
Russell Hubbard	19.50	
		381.14

1953:

Clayton Boston	\$ 14.00	
Clarence Welch	25.00	
Kenneth Littlefield	12.00	
Richard Boyce	13.50	
Ralph Bridges	6.55	
Fisher Hills	16.00	
*Robert K. Brown	35.00	
Ray Moody	128.00	
Arthur Reed	24.00	
*Russell Hubbard	16.00	
		290.05

TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE \$ 4,171.27

• The account of Robert K. Brown of \$35.00 and Russell Hubbard of \$16.00 is a bookkeeping error. Both bills were paid before books closed.

SCHEDULE 2

TOWN OF WELLS SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS December 31, 1953

Year	Taxes	Tax Liens
1953	\$ 18,322.88	\$
1952	348.32	2,998.70
1951	35.00	1,913.80
1950	114.27	142.87
1949		244.25
1948		57.75
1947		82.23
1946		61.71
1945		67.75
1944		36.14
1943		5.72
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	\$ 18,820.47	\$ 5,610.92
Less: Reserve For Uncollectible		311.30
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TOTALS	\$ 18,820.47	\$ 5,299.62

SCHEDULE 3

INVESTMENTS December 31, 1953

Stock—Community Trust Company, 22 shares @ \$35.00 \$770.00

SCHEDULE 4

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE December 31, 1953

District Director of Internal Revenue:	
Withholding Tax Deductions	\$ 5,472.97
Accrued Social Security Taxes	332.94
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	\$ 5,805.91

Ogunquit Village Corporation:

Proportionate Share of Excise Tax Collections	4,479.12
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Other:

School Committee Compensation	300.00
Refunds Due on 1953 Tax Overpayments	4.12
	304.12

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 10,589.15
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SCHEDULE 5

TOWN OF WELLS**NOTES PAYABLE****December 31, 1953****Community Trust Company:**

	Dated	Rate	Maturity	Amount
Bridge Note No. 7	12-23-47	2%	6-25-54	\$ 1,480.00
Athletic Field Note No. 1	6- 4-53	2%	9- 1-54	4,000.00
Athletic Field Note No. 2	6- 4-53	2%	9- 1-55	4,200.00
				\$ 9,680.00
TOTAL NOTES PAYABLE				\$ 9,680.00

SCHEDULE 6

BONDS PAYABLE**December 31, 1953**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Rate	Maturity	Original Issue	Amount Outstanding
Refunding	1922	5%	\$500.00 annually	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
High School	1935	3½ %	\$2,000. annually to 1959 and \$1,500. in 1960	47,500.00	13,500.00
School Improvement	1940	2%	\$2,000. in 1954 \$600. in 1955	28,600.00	2,600.00
School	1951	2%	\$12,000. 1954 to 1957 \$13,000. 1958 to 1962	125,000.00	113,000.00
					\$131,600.00
TOTAL BONDS PAYABLE					\$131,600.00

SCHEDULE 7

TOWN OF WELLS

DETAIL OF 1952, 1951 and 1950 TAXES RECEIVABLE

December 31, 1953

	1952	1951	1950
Andrews, Robert W.	\$ 3.00		
Bayside Petroleum Co.	25.60		
Bernard, Gilbert	3.00		
Alvah	9.60		
Brosnan, Martin	3.00		
Bshara, Abraham	8.00		
Chadbourne, Harris	3.00		
Chafee, Benjamin	3.00		
Chaloux, Alphonse	3.00		
Coggeshall, Herbert	3.00		
Day, Gerald	3.00		
Robert	3.00		
Elwell, James	3.00		
Fenderson, Archie & Sarah	3.84		
Fortune, Edward	3.00		
Gray, Oscar, Elliot & Grace	24.64		
Goodrich, Homer	3.00		
Hall, Vernon & Florence	3.00		
Hampe, Henry C.			11.55
Hilton, Evelyn & Roland	3.00		
Harold A., Sr.	4.16		8.47
Arthur	3.00		
Hubbard, Joseph	3.00		
Krewchuck, Alexander	3.00		
Lakeman, Fred	3.00		
Littlefield, Philip	3.00	3.00	
Mathews, Wesley F.	7.68		
Razza, John	172.80		
Trafton, Charles	3.00		
True, Howard B.	32.00	32.00	77.00
Woodman, Harold			17.25
TOTALS	\$ 348.32	\$ 35.00	\$ 114.27

TOWN OF WELLS
DETAIL OF TAX LIENS
December 31, 1953

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943
Adams, Nelson, Sr.	\$ 53.12	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Allen, Heirs, Joan Curtis	10.24	10.24								
	2.24	2.24	2.70							
Arsenault, Albert J.		94.08								
Bennett, Lucy	15.68	15.68								
Bernard, Alvah	368.00	64.00								
Heirs, Edith		313.60								
Bayside Petroleum Co.	305.60									
Brown, Ida	115.84									
William & Ida	19.84									
Boston, Heirs, Ralph Leroy	52.96					41.60				
						4.83	3.83			
Campbell, William	10.40		11.87							
Card, Gertrude	93.76	71.04								
Cheney, Barbara & Leeman	23.04									
Clarrage, Nellie	31.04									
Chadbourne, Laura	3.20	3.20								
Clark, Frank W.	1.60	1.60	1.93							
Chase, Charles	3.20									
Cote, Jean L. & Helen M.	38.40									
Crabtree, Harriet	41.92			65.45	57.75					
Coast of Maine								38.50		

Dixon, Heirs, Goodale	20.16			
Downs, Edith	24.32			
Duford, Roland	20.16			
Elwell, James	13.44			
Etta	59.20			
Flanders, Mercy	10.56			
Fillion, Theodore W.	102.72			
Goodwin, Heirs, Robert	23.04			
Gray, Roland	34.24	34.08		
Elliott & Grace	121.28			
Goodale, Roy	9.88			
Gregoire, Wilfred	3.20			
Griffith, Walter	16.00			
Hall, Vernon & Florence	21.12	20.96		
Hamel, Cyrdle	17.28	17.28	16.17	16.09
Harriman, Warren	15.36	23.04		
Hayes, Walter	20.80	20.80	3.55	
Hill, Martha	7.68	7.68	8.86	9.75
Hilton, Roland & Evelyn	37.12			
Hubbard, Heirs, Casper	35.84			
Heirs, Everett	25.84			
Wallace & Hazel	26.20			
Hutchins, Ivan	5.76	5.76		
Hanson, Willis	30.08			
Hartwell, Tessie & James Ryan	6.40	6.40		
Hilton, Heirs, George		2.84		
Evelyn Hanson			46.75	36.75
Hubbard, Virginia	28.80	28.80		32.05
Johnson, Michael	16.00			
Jones, Mary L. & Russell W.	19.52			

Kimball, Oliver	47.04				
Knight, Herman A.	20.56				
Littlefield, Rodney J. M.					
Roland	73.60	7.04			
Hairs, E. I.		73.44			20.43
Ethel & Nancy			29.83	20.25	
Littlefield, Duane	25.60				
MacLeod, Alex & Jessie	15.63				6.73
Marsters, Blanche	83.20				
Mathews, Wesley	5.44	5.44			
Miller, Austin	2.14				
Barbara S.		91.20			
Murray, Susan					
Norman, Elizabeth	66.24				
Perkins, Bert & Barbara	33.92				
Roy		109.76			
Verne	3.20				
Phillips, Helen	10.88				
Pichette, Nellie	53.76				
Pierce, Herman	3.52	3.52			
Prescott, Robert & Marjorie		246.56			
Ramsdell, Clifford	103.68	86.28	69.30	16.50	
Reed, George & Muriel		123.04			
Roosa, Charles & Lucille		17.04			
Rouleau, Archie			4.62	5.10	
Seavey, Herbert A.		22.72			
Searles, Claude & Theresa	12.16				
Shaw, George A.	24.32				

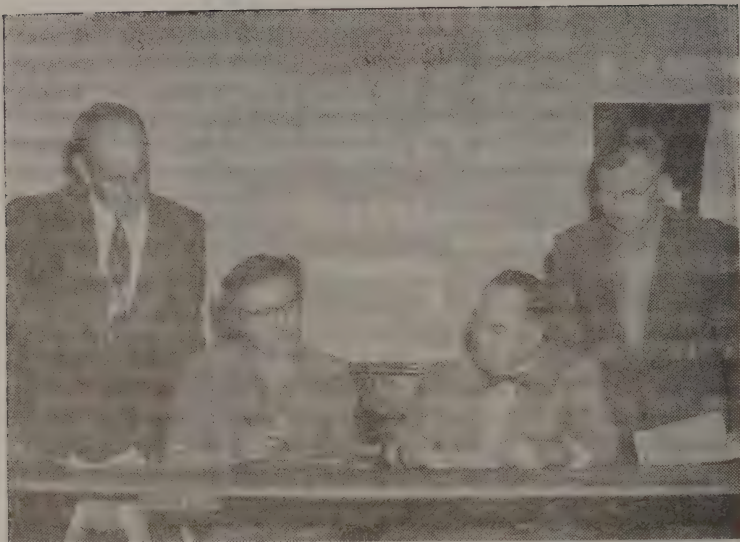
Silver, Charles 1.00
 Smith, Arthur 27.52
 Stevens, Richmond 9.92
 Stickney, Myron 30.08
 Strickland, James 10.28
 True, Howard 227.20
 Tuberville, Dona 75.68
 Tufts, Charles 105.12
 Charles W., Sr. 63.36
 Samuel 16.96

5.73

Vose, Fullerton

Welch, Wade 84.58
 Wilson, M. R. & Son 51.76
 Wolfe, William 23.87
 Woodman, Kirkland, Jr. 9.28
 Kirkland, Sr. 55.68
 Wormwood, Percy 12.64
 York, Harry B. 23.68

\$2,998.70	\$1,913.80	\$	142.87	\$	244.25	\$	57.75	\$	82.23	\$	61.71	\$	67.75	\$	36.14	\$	5.72
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School Board

Left to Right—Forrest Chase, Iola Littlefield, Chairman, Phillip Hines, Superintendent and Milbray Freeman.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

**To the Superintending School Committee
and Citizens of Wells:**

In this, my third annual report of the public schools I wish to express my sincere appreciation to School Committee members and other citizens of this Community for the friendly advice and help which they have given me during the past year.

Your School Committee and Superintendent appreciate and welcome such advice and consultation on problems relating to the schools. For this reason, we urge interested citizens to appear at regular or special School Committee meeting to offer advice, make requests, state opinions, obtain information, or ask questions relating

to the operation of your schools. Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at the Superintendent's office on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p. m. Whenever needed, special meetings are held at the call of the Chairman or Superintendent.

School Enrollment and the Instructional Load

School enrollments for the past four fall terms and a projection of enrollments for 1954 are given below:

Table I

	Elementary Schools								Jr.-Sr. High School							
Year	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total		
1950	41	70	41	72	54	47	51	30	45	45	46	51	22	615		
1951	62	43	63	44	71	53	48	45	38	38	44	48	43	640		
1952	83	57	47	65	48	64	51	49	50	36	43	43	44	680		
1953	79	86	65	52	66	52	61	56	48	41	33	36	42	717		
1954	82	79	85	64	52	66	52	61	56	48	41	33	36	755		

As you can see, the 1954 enrollment figures are a projection—projecting the figures of 1953 to the next higher grade—and not an attempt to **predict** the actual enrollments grade by grade for the coming year. Withdrawals may decrease some of these figures while others are increased by the admission of new pupils. Enrollments next fall, however, may quite possibly follow roughly the indicated pattern. The important point to note is that there has been an average increase of thirty-four pupils each year during the past three years. It seems at least likely that this increase will continue. Such increases usually involve the addition of a classroom and the employment of another teacher.

However, last fall the planned teaching staff of thirty was reduced to twenty-eight teachers in an attempt to save about \$6,000. The move was made because (1) changing enrollments suggested new possibilities for teacher assignments and the transfer of Grade Six from the Junior High School to the Elementary Building, (2) it seemed probable that both the fifth and sixth grades could each be taught by a single teacher, and (3) it was

decided to establish forenoon and afternoon sessions for the Pre-primary to enable one teacher to instruct the entire group of beginning pupils.

As a result, assignments to the three schools last fall were as follows:

Table II

Elementary Schools								
	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6	Load
Wells	58	65	46	42	50	44	41	346
Ogunquit	21	21	19	10	16	8	20	115
Total	<u>79</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>461</u>
Jr. - Sr. High School								
	7	8	9	10	11	12	Load	
Ogunquit								
Wells	56	48	41	33	36	42	256	
Total	<u>56</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>256</u>	
Wells Total Load								602
Ogunquit Total Load								115
Total Both								<u>717</u>

By November, however, it appeared desirable to relieve the instructional load at the fifth and sixth grade level where unexpected increases in enrollment had occurred. Therefore, on November 30th, a new teacher was employed to instruct a group of fifth and sixth grade pupils in the basement classroom in the Junior High School.

Some insight into problems relating to changing enrollments and the assignment of teaching staffs may, perhaps, be gained by a study of the following table:

Table III

	Fall of 1952			Fall of 1953			Feb. 16, 1954			Estimated Fall of 1954		
	Teachers	Pupils	Pupils Per Teacher	Teachers	Pupils	Pupils Per Teacher	Teachers	Pupils	Pupils Per Teacher	Teachers	Pupils	Pupils Per Teacher
Elementary Grades PP-6	9	264	29.3	9	346	38.4	10	327	32.7	11	363	33
Junior High Grades 7-8	4	138*	34.5	3	104	34.7	3	100	33.3	3	117	39
Ogunquit Grades PP-6	4	112	28	4	115	28.7	4	108	27	4	117	29.2
High School Grades 9-12	10	166	16.6	10	152	15.2	10	144	14.4	10	158	15.8
Special	2			2			2			2		
Totals	29	680		28	717		29	679		30	755	

*Grades 6, 7, and 8.

As you can see from a study of the three preceding tables, increasing enrollments in Grades PP-8 at Wells is the key to the entire problem. Enrollments at Ogunquit and at the High School have remained relatively stable for the past four years.

Your Superintending School Committee's plans for the assignment of grade school teachers next fall include: (1) Eleven elementary teachers at Wells with an expected enrollment of about 363 pupils (Pre-Primary—Grade 6) or 33 pupils per classroom. (2) Three Junior High School teachers with an expected enrollment of about 117 (Grades 7-8) or 39 pupils per classroom. (3) Four elementary teachers at Ogunquit with an expected enrollment of about 117 Pre Primary - Grade 6) or about 29 pupils per classroom. This would leave the teaching staffs at Ogunquit and at the Junior High School unchanged while the nine-teacher staff at Wells is increased to eleven. One of these additional teachers has already been hired, receiving a salary for one month only under the old fiscal year.

Teachers and Assignments

With the transfer of Grade Six to the new Wells Elementary School last fall, the nine-teacher staff and assignments were as follows: Miss Nora Malkson, Principal, Grade 6; Mrs. Dorothy Tebbetts, Grade 5; Miss Jo Ann Anderson, Grade 4; Mrs. Beatrice Spiller, Grades 3-4; Mrs. Ruth Archer, Grades 2-3; Mrs. Edith Colby, Grade 2; Mrs. Jane Curtis, Grade 1; Mrs. Dorothy Ward, Grade 1; and Mrs. Thelma Boston, Pre-primary.

Three members of this staff are new to this community. Mrs. Dorothy Tebbetts is a graduate of a three-year course at Washington State Normal School and has taught at Stratton, Corinna, Freeport and Bar Harbor, Maine. Miss Jo Ann Anderson graduated last spring from Gorham State Teachers' College. Mrs. Ruth Archer is a graduate of Washington State Normal School and has taught at Charleston, Hermon, Lincoln, Crawford and Aurora. After an absence of one year, Mrs. Thelma Boston has returned to serve in our schools as teacher of the Pre-primary. On November 30, Miss Phyllis MacKay was employed to teach a group of fifth and sixth grade pupils. Miss MacKay is a graduate of Farmington

Normal School and the University of Maine. She has taught at Winsted, Connecticut, Presque Isle Maine and Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

The one change in the teaching staff at Ogunquit was the employment of Miss Lois Allen to replace Mrs. Vivian Lowe as Pre-primary teacher. Miss Allan is a graduate of Gorham State Teachers' College and has taught at South Portland, Maine.

Three members of the High School staff are new to this community. Mr. Fred Cates was appointed teacher of social studies, hygiene, boys' physical education and coach of boys' varsity football, basketball and baseball. Mr. Cates is a graduate of Missouri State College and has obtained his Master's Degree from Springfield College. Miss Celia Philbrook was appointed teacher of business mathematics, hygiene, girls' physical education and coach of girls' athletics. Miss Philbrook is a graduate of Colby College and has studied at Springfield College. Mr. Michael O'Donnell was appointed teacher of French and English. Mr. O'Donnell is a graduate of Boston University, has obtained his Master's Degree from that institution, and formerly taught at Weld, Maine.

Junior High School assignments this year are as follows: Mrs. Esselyn Perkins, Grade 8; Miss Lenora Edgecomb, Grades 7-8; Mrs. Alice Woodworth, Grade 7.

The School Calendar

The 1953-54 school calendar is as follows:

First Term:

Begins—Monday, September 14, 1953

Ends—Thursday, December 17, 1953

Second Term:

Begins—Monday, December 28, 1953

Ends—Friday, February 19, 1954

Third Term:

Begins—Tuesday, March 2, 1954

Ends—Thursday, April 15, 1954

Fourth Term:

Begins—Monday, April 26, 1954

Ends—Friday, June 18, 1954

List of Holidays: State Teachers' Convention, Oct. 29-30; Armistice Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26; New Year's Day, Jan. 1; County Teachers' Convention in May; Memorial Day, May 31.

The School Program

Several changes in the school program were made this fall.

The Pre-primary at Wells was established on a two-session basis with one group of pupils being taught in the forenoon and another group being taught by the same teacher in the afternoon. This resulted in the elimination of one teaching position and a saving of more than \$2,600. The new system resulted in a small increase in the cost of conveyance. This increase was much less than the saving resulting from the elimination of a teaching position.

At Ogunquit, the size of both the first and second grades made it necessary for the Pre-primary teacher to instruct a small group of first grade pupils. Previously, the Pre-primary room had been the only single-grade room in the building.

The Junior High School was returned from a departmentalized to a grade-by-grade instructional basis with the transfer of Grade Six to the Elementary Building.

At the High School instruction in physical education was changed by the employment of a man to instruct the boys in physical education and a woman to teach the girls in this area of instruction. This was done without an increase in the teaching staff.

School Committee Policy

With the direct study and assistance of the teaching staff, your Superintending School Committee has formulated a "Handbook for School Personnel" which carefully outlines the rules, regulations and other matters of policy governing the conduct of the schools. This handbook is published to serve as a guide in the handling of many problems relating to the schools. Copies of the book are available at the office of the School Principals and Superintendent for study by interested citizens. Improvements in established policy will be made from time to time and new policies affecting the conduct of

the schools will be incorporated with the yearly revisions of the handbook. Suggestions for improvement are welcome from both the teaching staff and interested citizens.

The School Budget

Your Superintending School Committee has submitted two articles for inclusion in the Town Warrant. One of these articles relates to Repairs and Contingencies and recommends an appropriation of \$4,000. the same amount as appropriated last year.

The other article relates to the **General Operation of Schools** and calls for an appropriation from taxes of \$96,945 or \$1,351 less than was appropriated last year. Planned expenditures under this article are \$148,957 or \$6,446 **more** than the budget for the identical items last year. The two chief changes in the budget involve an increase of \$4,912 for Instruction and \$1,550. for Apparatus and Equipment. The budgetary figure for Instruction is increased to take care of an additional teaching position and such increases in teachers salaries as are required by the present salary schedule and the new Minimum Salary Schedule Law for the State of Maine. No change is planned in the salary schedule, the requirements of the new law having already been met by the present schedule.

The budgetary figure for Apparatus and Equipment is \$3,000 the same amount as originally recommended by your School Committee a year ago. It is expected that from \$700—\$1,100 will need to be spent for school desks; some \$300 for maps and globes; \$225 for one-half interest in a calculator to be jointly used by the school and by the Town Office; and about \$300 for laboratory equipment, flags, and miscellaneous items. With the remaining money, the apparatus needs of the schools permitting, the School Committee plans to purchase a new curtain, valance and cyclorama for the High School auditorium-gymnasium.

There follows a detailed financial statement for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP G. HINES,
Superintendent of Schools

WELLS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Financial Statement as of December 31, 1953

School Maintenance Account

Receipts:

Balance, Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 17,501.70
Appropriation		98,296.00
Ogunquit Share to Education		5,000.00
U. S. Treasurer—Federal Children		7,397.46
State Department of Education		
General Purpose Aid	\$ 19,375.25	
Professional Credits	500.00	
Evening School	445.50	
Handicapped Children	288.89	20,609.64

Tuition:

Elementary (Town of York)	\$ 1,262.16
Secondary (Town of York)	675.15
Secondary (Town of S. Berwick)	900.20
Secondary (William Hochberg)	225.05
Secondary (Town of K'Port)	225.05

Total Tuition 3,287.61

Refunds:

Textbooks	\$ 5.83
Supplies	275.94
Apparatus, Flags & Equipment	5.00
Supervision	2.20
Manual Arts	241.45
Driver Training	8.85

Total Refunds 539.27

Total Receipts \$152,631.68

Expenditures

Instruction		
Elementary	\$ 48,510.15	
Secondary	33,331.50	\$ 81,841.65

Fuel

Elementary	\$ 2,555.99	
Secondary	1,224.21	\$ 3,780.20

Janitor & Cleaning		
Elementary	\$ 5,775.92	
Secondary	2,710.73	\$ 8,486.65
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Conveyance		
Elementary	\$ 17,079.94	
Secondary	4,586.38	\$ 21,666.32
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Handicapped Children		
Elementary	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00
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Tuition		
Elementary	\$ 131.80	\$ 131.80
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Textbooks		
Elementary	\$ 2,088.98	
Secondary	871.93	\$ 2,960.91
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Expenditures:		
Supplies		
Elementary	\$ 3,094.00	
Secondary	2,170.83	\$ 5,264.83
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Water, Light, Power		
Elementary	\$ 1,000.78	
Secondary	975.87	\$ 1,976.65
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Graduation	\$ 103.20	\$ 103.20
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Supervision		
Salary of Superintendent	\$ 2,966.70	
Office	35.91	\$ 3,002.61
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Home Economics	\$ 193.97	\$ 193.97
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Manual Arts	\$ 861.26	\$ 861.26
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Evening School	\$ 930.00	\$ 930.00
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Driver Training	\$ 221.38	\$ 221.38
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Physical Education	\$ 275.41	\$ 275.41
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Band Equipment	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
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Athletics	\$ 297.83	\$ 297.83
Aparatus, Flags, Equipment		
Elementary	\$ 788.55	
Secondary	660.30	\$ 1,448.85
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Total Expenditures		\$134,283.52
Balance—School Maintenance Account		<hr/>
		\$ 18,348.16
Repair Account		
Receipts:		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 432.03	
Appropriation	4,000.00	
Refunds—Broken window	.60	
Keys Made	5.00	
Keys Made & Typewriter		
Repaired	21.40	
Gifts—Graduating Classes—		
Flood Lights	20.00	
American Legion Aux.—		
Historical Cabinet	10.00	
Wells-Ogunquit Health Assoc.—		
Historical Cabinet	10.00	
Robert Brown—One-half Cord		
Lumber Stumpage	1.00	
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Total Receipts		\$ 4,500.03
Expenditures:		
Elementary	\$ 743.55	
Secondary	3,726.83	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 4,470.38
Balance—Repair Account		<hr/>
		\$ 29.65

Report of the High School Principal

February 1, 1954

To the Superintending School Committee, Superintendent and Citizens of the Town of Wells:

The High School has reached its lowest enrollment in recent years, with 144 students listed on its roster as of February 1. This figure will increase year by year as the larger classes, now in the elementary grades, advance to High School Under the present plan of organization, the High School will have sufficient room for this expanding enrollment for several years to come.

Miss Celia Philbrook joined our faculty this fall and is in charge of girls' Physical Education and girls' athletics. This appointment filled a definite need in our curriculum and staff. Other new members of the High School faculty include Mr. Michael O'Donnell, teacher of English and French, and Mr. Fred Cates, teacher of History, Hygiene, boys' Physical Education, and varsity coach of football, basketball and baseball.

A total of 161 pupils enrolled in our evening school program which consisted of the following subjects: Book-keeping, Shorthand, Antique Stencilling, Ceramics, Furniture Repairing, Woodwork, Oil Painting, English, Typewriting, Sewing and Upholstering. A survey of evening school students at the close of the program indicated that the great majority desired to attend evening school next fall.

Our cafeteria facilities accomodate 375 children, served in three shifts of approximately 125 each group. Miss Marion Davis, Mrs. Marion Stansfield and Mrs. Jennie Sinclair have maintained the operation of the cafeteria at a high level of efficiency. We are now serving nearly 300 children a day without incurring any indebtedness to the town. In addition, we provide 32 free lunches daily. Parents and townspeople are invited to visit our school lunch program in action. We follow standardized procedures of serving and of menus established by the

State Department of Education School Lunch Program. It is necessary to follow the State procedures if we wish to receive free food commodities and reimbursement of five and three-quarters cents per meal from the State.

If your child has a school problem, his teacher and principal are more than willing to assist the parent in its solution. The combined efforts of teacher and parent provide for a more satisfactory understanding of the child's own particular educational needs. All parents owe to their children, at least one school visit a year while classes are in session. It is my sincere wish that all parents and citizens will feel free to visit the High School and Junior High School at any time.

Our most imperative need is the completion of the playground and athletic field for the use of approximately 565 children of our consolidated unit. This is your school—help it to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN F. HOLDER,
Principal.

Warrant

FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 13, 1954

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK, ss.

To William Shaw, a Constable of the Town of Wells, County of York and State of Maine, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wells, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the High School Auditorium in said Town of Wells on Saturday, the 13th day of March, A. D. 1954, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk, A Town Treasurer, Three Assessors and Seven Selectmen for the ensuing year; and one member of the Superintending School Committee for three years.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the completion of the construction of the Athletic Field.

(B. C. recommends \$8,000.00 from taxes)

Article 4. (a) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property on such terms and to such purchasers as they shall deem in the best interests of the Town, and to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute and deliver Quit-Claim Deeds without covenant in release of same thereafter that all previous owners shall be given an opportunity to redeem their property within sixty days after being notified in writing; that all transactions shall be by sealed bids after proper advertising in local newspapers.

(B. C. recommends yes.)

(b) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow not exceeding \$200,000.00 in anticipation of and to be paid from 1954 taxes, and to set a maximum rate of interest therefor.

(B. C. recommends yes) (Maximum interest rate 2%)

(c) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow necessary funds, not exceeding \$75,000.00 on a six months note to carry on essential town business during the months of January and February of 1955 after the close of the fiscal year on December 31, 1954. This money to be available for various Town accounts at the ratio of 1/6 of the appropriation of the previous year and will be included in the appropriations voted therefor at the next Annual Town Meeting.

(B. C. recommends yes)

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the installation of Street lights in the following locations, exact poles to be selected by the Town Manager:

1. On Route No. 9 near the home of Walter Shepard.
2. At Wells Beach, on Thibeau's Avenue.
3. On Route No. 1 near Penneys Cabins.

(B. C. recommends to indefinitely postpone No. 1 and 3; No. 2 No.)

Article 6. To see if the Town will fix the date when taxes shall be due and payable and to see what rate of discount, if any, the Town will allow on taxes paid in full before a certain date, and what rate of interest, if any, the Town will charge on taxes paid after a certain date.

Recommended that a 1% discount be given on taxes paid in full before September 1, 1954, no interest or discount during September 1954, interest at rate of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ per month be charged on outstanding balances after October 1, 1954 with a maximum of 6% annually. Taxes shall be due and payable on August 1, 1954.

(B. C. recommends yes)

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government and the Town Hall Building.

Administration	\$ 18,302.22
Town Hall Building	2,000.00
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	\$ 20,302.22

(B. C. recommends \$20,302.22 from taxes)

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Highway Maintenance to be used for the following purposes.

	Recommended
Regular Salaries	\$ 12,000.00
Summer Maintenance	10,000.00
Tar	8,000.00
Sidewalks	500.00
State Aid	2,932.00
Winter Maintenance	Use Excise Tax
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	\$ 33,432.00

(B. C. recommends \$33,432.00 from taxes)

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Health and Sanitation to be used for the following purposes.

Dump	\$ 1,000.00
Street and Beach Cleaning	1,500.00
Health Supplies	50.00
Public Health Nurse	3,835.00
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	\$ 6,385.00

(B. C. recommends \$6,385.00 from taxes)

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for charity.

Town Poor	\$ 14,000.00
A. D. C.	1,200.00
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	\$ 15,200.00

B. C. recommends \$15,200.00 from taxes)

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation to be used for the following purposes.

Toilets at Wells Beach	\$ 1,000.00
Life Saving	1,700.00
Publicity	2,100.00
Memorial Day	200.00
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	\$ 5,000.00

(B. C. recommends \$5,000.00 from taxes)

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to meet our obligation to the Ogunquit Village Corporation in accordance with the terms of their charter.

Ogunquit Village Corp.	\$ 87,403.01
OVC to Education School Maint. Acct.	5,000.00
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	\$ 92,403.01

(B. C. recommends \$92,403.01 from taxes)

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to retire Notes and Bonds as they become due and to pay interest on outstanding obligations of the town.

(B. C. recommends \$25,622.42 from taxes)

Article 14. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for insurance.

(B. C. recommends \$3,118.99 from taxes)

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the following miscellaneous accounts.

Ocean View Cemetery	\$ 400.00
Abatements	1,000.00
Tax Discounts	2,400.00
Seawall Construction	700.00
Maine Publicity Bureau	200.00
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	\$ 4,700.00

(B. C. recommends \$4,700.00 from taxes)

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Protection of persons and property to be used for the following purposes.

Police	\$ 5,343.00
Fire Protection	3,000.00
Hydrants	3,591.44
Highpine Fire Association	600.00
Wells Corner Hose Company	2,500.00
Wells Beach Fire Department	3,520.00
Street Lights	5,185.00
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	\$ 23,739.44

(B. C. recommends \$23,739.44 from taxes)

Article 17. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the general operation of schools.

Instruction	\$ 92,500.00	
Fuel	5,000.00	
Janitor and Cleaning	8,640.00	
Conveyance	23,800.00	
Handicapped Children	500.00	
Tuition	150.00	
Textbooks	2,250.00	
Supplies	5,000.00	
Water, Light and Power	2,140.00	
Graduation	100.00	
Supervision	3,067.00	
Home Economics	200.00	
Manual Arts	650.00	
Evening School	950.00	
Driver Training	210.00	
Physical Education	300.00	
Band Equipment	200.00	
Athletics	300.00	
Apparatus and Equipment	3,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$148,957.00
Receipts		
Balance Forwarded	\$ 18,348.16	
State School Fund	20,038.89	
Ogunquit Share to Ed.	5,000.00	
Other Receipts	8,624.95	
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Total		\$ 52,012.00

Appropriation from Taxes	\$ 96,945.00
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(B. C. recommends \$96,945.00 from taxes)

Article 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for school repairs and contingencies. School committee recommends \$4,000.00.

(B. C. recommends \$4,000.00 from taxes)

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500.00 by taxation for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck to be stationed at Wells Beach Fire Department to replace the 1926 Maxim Pumper.

(B. C. recommends to indefinitely postpone this article and to authorize the Selectmen to transfer to the Wells Beach Hose Co., one of the other Town owned fire trucks, from one of the other volunteer Fire Departments in the Town of Wells, as they may deem for the best interest for the Town)

Article 20. To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Wells will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$112.00 for the purpose of reimbursing Frances L. McAfee for 1952 tax assessed and collected in error.

(B. C. recommends yes, \$112.00 from taxes)

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance by adding a paragraph to Part B, section 4 as follows: An area in Moody, Residence District A, Bounded as follows to wit Beginning at Bourne Avenue in the thread of the Stevens River, thence southerly by thread of said Stevens River to where the same intersects the thread of the Ogunquit River thence in a general westerly direction by the thread of the Ogunquit River to the land of Roy Moulton, thence northerly by land of said Moulton, land of A. E. Rosen, and land of Wallace Stevens to Bourne Avenue, thence across Bourne Avenue to the easterly side line of a lot of land in Bourne Acres owned by Charles Bourne, Jr., thence continuing northerly by said easterly side line to the north easterly corner of said lot, thence continuing northerly on a prolongation of said easterly side line

across land of Charles Bourne, Sr. to the land of Bert Littlefield, whence by Bert Littlefield's land and the land of Jesse Moulton in an easterly direction to and across the marshland to the thread of Stevens River, thence southerly by the thread of Stevens River to the point of beginning.

(B. C. recommends yes)

Article 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for top surface from the home of John Reeves to the Old Tatnic school house.

(B. C. recommends to be taken care of out of summer maintenance money as deemed necessary)

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water Company to add fluorides to the water supply being distributed to said Town of Wells.

(B. C. recommends that the Selectmen appoint a committee to investigate, No. 1 To see how the water users feel about this article; No. 2 To contact all of the towns that are furnished water by the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water Co.)

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of a boat to be used for life saving purposes at Wells Beach.

(B. C. recommends \$200.00 from taxes)

Article 25. To supply funds and authorize the Chief of Police to provide a full time police officer to patrol Wells and Moody Beach sections of the Town, in the town Police car, between the hours of 8 p. m. and 4 a. m. from June 18th to September 11th inclusive, (Submitted by Old Wells by the Sea and others.)

(B. C. recommends be taken care of under the police schedule)

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to lay out a town road from Hilton's Lane, so-called, past the house of Margaret Sweeney

to the property of Gertrude D. Sullivan, in accordance with plans on file at the Town Office. To permit the Central Maine Power Company to set poles to reach Mrs. Sullivan's house with electricity.

(B. C. recommends indefinitely postpone)

Article 27. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to appoint a committee of five to investigate the possibility and feasibility of establishing a harbor between Wells Beach and Drakes Island. The committee to be authorized to use up to \$100.00 for expenses and to bring in a written report of their recommendations.

(B. C. recommends \$100.00 from taxes)

Article 28. To see if the Town will accept as a public way, Webhannet Street, so-called as now layed out and shown on plan of Ocean Park, which plan is duly on file in the York County Registry of Deeds.

(B. C. recommends yes)

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sign, execute and deliver a confirmatory Quit-Claim (Joint Tenant) Deed without Covenant to William Gawchick and his wife, Olga Gawchick, to perfect title to their premises in Ogunquit, being lot Number Twenty-one (21) on Plan of Ogunquit Highland, which plan is on file in the York County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 7, Page 71. Said William and Olga Gawchick having owned and paid taxes on said premises continously since 1949, having acquired title thereto on August 14, 1948 under Warranty Deed from Carroll H. Clark, Jr., who in turn acquired title under Quit-Claim Deed from the Inhabitants of the Town of Wells, dated September 16, 1942, duly signed by the then Selectmen, who at the time neglected to obtain from the Town authorization to sign, execute and deliver said deed.

(B. C. recommends yes)

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following ordinances:

1. Speed 25 Miles Per Hour on Ocean Avenue; and

- No Parking on either side of Ocean Avenue, from Bourne Avenue, to Moody Beach Parking Lot.
2. Speed 25 Miles Per Hour on Ocean Avenue, from Folsom Avenue, to Bourne Avenue.
 3. Speed Miles Per Hour on Bourne Avenue, from Post Road, to Ocean Avenue.
 4. Speed 25 Miles Per Hour and No Parking on either side of Main Street, from the Mile Road, to Folsom Avenue.
 5. No Loitering or Parking at Wells Beach from 2 a. m. to 7 a. m.
 6. Speed 25 Miles Per Hour and No Passing on Atlantic Avenue.
 7. Parking on the West Side of Atlantic Avenue, only from the Star Cottage to the Uneeda Cottage. No Parking on either side from the Uneeda Cottage to the end of Avenue.
 8. One Hour Parking only at Wells Square. No Parking on Post Office Avenue, from Route No. 1 to Municipal Parking Lot.
 9. No Parking at any time on either side of the following streets at Drakes Island during the months of July and August. Drakes Island Road from the Emery Cottage to Island Avenue, and No Parking on either side of Island Avenue.
 10. One way streets shall be designated and traveled as follows:
 - (a) Island Ledge Avenue; Wells Beach, in a westerly direction from the beach to Main Street.
 - (b) Shady Lane and the Eaton Farm Road, Drakes Island, in a southerly and easterly direction from the Drakes Island Road.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

Section I. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the Traffic Ordinance for the Town of Wells

Section II. Regulations

1. Parking of Vehicles.

A. Parking Prohibited AT ALL TIMES in Designated Places.

It shall be unlawful, except in case of emergency, to park any vehicle on the following Streets and Ways:

a. On the easterly and westerly sides of Ocean Avenue, at Moody Beach leading southerly from Bourne Avenue to the Municipal Parking Lot.

b. On the easterly and westerly sides of Main Street at Wells Beach leading northerly from the intersection of Island Ledge Avenue with Main Street to the Mile Road.

c. On Post Office Avenue, so-called, at Wells Corner, leading from United States Highway Route Number One in the areas on said Avenue between the Town Hall Building and the Wells Filling Station Building and adjacent to and in front of the Wells Corner Fire Station.

B. Parking Time Limited in Designated Places in Wells Square.

Be it enacted that no vehicle shall be parked, except in case of emergency, in Wells Square, in the Town of Wells, for a period longer than one hour from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

2. One Way Street and Ways

Be it enacted that the following Streets and Ways shall be designated as One Way Streets and Vehicular Traffic shall move only as follows:

a. Island Ledge Avenue, Wells Beach, in a westerly direction from the beach to Main Street.

b. Shady Lane and Eaton Farm Road, Drakes Island in a southerly and easterly direction from Dyke Road.

c. Post Office Avenue, so-called, at Wells Corner in an easterly direction leading from United States Highway Route Number One, to Municipal Parking Lot.

Section III. Penalties

1. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by law, every person convicted of a violation of any provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty (\$20.00) dollars for any one offense for the use of the Town.

Section IV. Traffic Signs

1. Before this Ordinance shall become effective and enforceable, in addition to any other provisions of law relative to publication thereof, appropriate signs shall be erected on any Streets and Ways or portions thereof, warning the public that the particular location is restricted or regulated.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at their office in the Town Hall Building at Wells Corner on March 10, 11, and 12, from nine o'clock in the forenoon to four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Polls will be open for election of Town Officers from nine o'clock a. m. to one-thirty o'clock p. m. on the day and at the place of the meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due service of this warrant and return of your doings thereon at the time and place of this meetin, Given under our hands this 20th day of February, A. D., 1954.

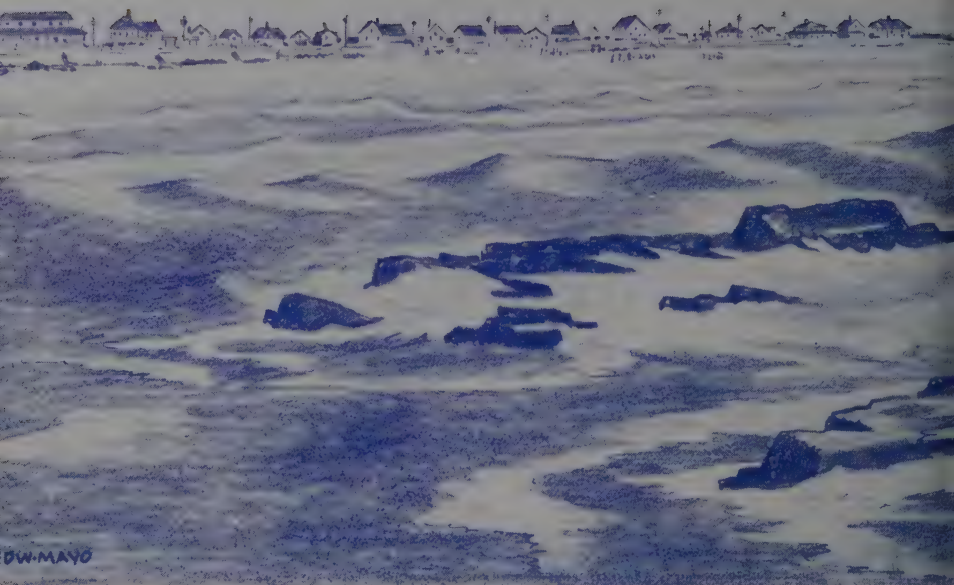
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Clifford Moody
David McCobb
Raymond Colby
Frank Abendroth
Samuel Stansfield
Robert Littlefield

Selectmen, Town of Wells

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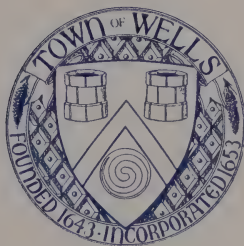


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Annual Report of 1954

In Memoriam

As another year draws to a close in the history of the Town of Wells, we sadly miss three honored and beloved friends who have passed from our sigh but not from our hearts.

ROY S. MOULTON
JOSEPH P. LITTLEFIELD
Dr. ELMER M. TOWER

For forty-nine years, Roy S. Moulton served the Town of Wells in his general store. Although during that time the town and surroundings changed, Roy has been the same familiar figure, seldom gone from his place behind the counter or in his office. Before the fire alarm system was placed in Moulton's store, Roy would call the firemen by phone notifying them of a fire. He was presented a plaque in 1948 for outstanding services, making him an honorary member of the Wells Corner Hose Company.

Joseph P. Littlefield, resident of Ogunquit, served as Treasurer of the Town of Wells for a term of thirty years. His keen vital interest in civic affairs was always foremost in his mind.

Dr. Elmer M. Tower, also a resident of Ogunquit, cared for the ill in our town and surrounding communities for a number of years. He was also connected with the Well-Baby Clinic here in Wells. His services are sadly missed in town.

We feel these names should be placed in our Hall of Memory, and that it was God's will that they should leave us, but that their good works should carry on in the Town of Wells and in the hearts of its citizens. As a tribute to their efforts in the years that have passed, we lovingly dedicate our Annual Report.

REQUIEM

Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie;
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.
This be the verse you grave for me:
"Here he lies, where he longed to be;
Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter home from the hill."

Robert Louis Stevenson



JOSEPH P. LITTLEFIELD



ROY S. MOULTON



DR. ELMER M. TOWER

Town Officers

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

1954

SELECTMEN

RAYMOND COLBY (Chr.)	ROBERT LITTLEFIELD
DAVID McCOBB	CHARLES BOURNE
EDWARD HOLLAND	SAMUEL STANSFIELD
CLIFFORD MOODY	

TOWN MANAGER

CECIL O. LANCASTER

ASSESSORS

GEORGE C. LORD (Chr.)	HARRY LITTLEFIELD
LAWRENCE FERNALD	

TOWN CLERK

GRACE E. WORMWOOD

TOWN TREASURER

WALTER E. HATCH

CHIEF OF POLICE

WILLIAM SHAW

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PHILIP G. HINES

SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FORREST CHASE (Chr.)	MAXINE MILLER
MILBURY FREEMAN	

AUDITOR

JOHN L. ALHEIM

HEALTH OFFICER

DR. JOSEPH MATYOSKA

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of the Town of Wells:

We, as Selectmen of the Town of Wells, are pleased to submit the following report for the year just passed.

This year was one of the most successful years we have had, due to a pleasant and efficient Town Manager, Cecil O. Lancaster. This success we credit to no-one but him.

During the year several of our town roads were surfaced, two of which were the Clarrage Road in Wells Branch and about a mile in Tatnic. Other roads were widened to make snow removal easier.

We think that the majority of the citizens will agree that our dirt roads have been well scraped with the road grader and are in good condition.

During the past year we had to cope with hurricanes "Carol" and "Edna", during which time we lost several bridges and some very large culverts. These were replaced by our road crew, one bridge being made of steel, which has proven very satisfactory. This bridge is located on the Harrisickett Road.

Our road crew handled all this extra work efficiently and well, under the direction of the Town Manager and the Road Foreman. Huge trees were felled and had to be taken care of to clear the roads and mail routes. Summer residents in the beach areas were evacuated and sheltered at the Wells High School Cafeteria and fed by the Wells-Ogunquit Extension Service.

Due to this extra work, we did not have time to build the State Aid roads as planned. The \$2,500.00 will be used for this purpose in 1955.

As you no doubt have noticed our Town Manager had very few overdrafts, all of these being very small. You will notice that there are unexpended balances in all of the other accounts, especially the Town Poor account. Mr. Lancaster deserves a large amount of credit for the job he has done. Due to the smoothness of his work and his co-operating with everyone, we have had very few Selectmens' meetings this past year.

Mr. Lancaster left Friday, February 11, 1955 for a Town Manager's job in Mansfield, Massachusetts. We wish him all the success in the world and are sorry to have lost him.

We also wish at this time to thank our fellow townsmen for their interest and co-operating, and hope that the coming year will be as successful as the past year has been.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND COLBY, Chairman,

ROBERT LITTLEFIELD

EDWARD HOLLAND

CHARLES BOURNE

DAVID McCOBB

CLIFFORD MOODY

SAMUEL STANSFIELD

Ocean View Cemetery

RECEIPTS

January 31, 1954 - January 31, 1955

Balance on hand 1/31/54, Community Trust Company	\$ 721.26
Town of Wells, Appropriation	400.00
Dividends and Interest from Trust Funds	505.00
Annual Care, 1953	78.00
Annual Care, 1954	29.00
Interest on Auburn Savings Bank	4.50
Sale of Lots	175.00
Wells-Ogunquit Farm Bureau	5.00
Perpetual Care Funds	1,000.00*
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	\$ 2,917.76

EXPENDITURES

Reginald C. Jones, Superintendent and Caretaker	\$ 850.00
Equipment and repairs to mowers	70.95
Treasurer's Bond	5.00
Ocean National Bank, Safe Deposit	4.40
Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District	11.64
Postage	2.63
Balance on Deposit at Community Trust Company	1,973.14
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	\$ 2,917.76

ASSETS

Bonds	\$ 13,050.00
Preferred Stocks	2,518.78
Savings Accounts	644.95
Cash reserved for Investment from Perpetual Funds	1,000.00*
40 Acre Wood Lot, Branch Road	80.00
15 Acre Wood Lot, East side Tear Coat Road	30.00
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	\$ 17,323.73

Ocean View Cemetery, Inc.
By Walter E. Hatch, President

Assessor's Report

VALUATION OF THE TOWN

Real Estate, Wells Resident	\$ 2,717,920.00
Ogunquit Resident	2,825,740.00
Real Estate, Wells Non-Resident	2,934,110.00
Ogunquit Non-Resident	1,807,070.00
Personal Estate, Wells Resident	165,140.00
Ogunquit Resident	154,420.00
Personal Estate, Wells Non-Resident	164,120.00
Ogunquit Non-Resident	124,250.00
Total Valuation	<hr/> \$10,892,770.00
Rate, \$33.00 per \$1,000.00	359,461.41
Total Polls, 1000 @ \$3.00	3,000.00
Total Commitment	<hr/> \$ 362,461.41

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Appropriations	\$ 348,760.08
County Tax	8,336.54
Overlay	5,364.79
	<hr/> \$ 362,461.41

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. LORD, CHAIRMAN

HARRY LITTLEFIELD

LAWRENCE FERNALD

Collection of Taxes

Charges:

1954 Commitment	\$362,461.41	
Supplemental Taxes	731.70	
Total Charges		\$363,193.11

Credits:

Cash Collections	\$322,371.93	
Payment by Material	8.40	
Abatements	1,907.25	
Discounts Allowed	2,671.17	
Rebates (Overpayments)	29.62	
		\$326,988.37

1954 Taxes Receivable—December 31, 1954	\$ 36,204.74
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CECIL O. LANCASTER

Collector

Percentage Collected 90%

Town Clerk's Report

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	272	
Spayed	92	
Female	36	
Kennel	12	
	<hr/>	412
(1-1953—11-1954)		

GAME LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Fishing	211	
Resident Combination	113	
Resident Hunting	496	
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Non-resident Fishing Season	11	
Non-resident Fishing 15 day	10	
Non-resident Fishing 3 day	18	
Non-resident Fishing Season Jr.	1	
Non-resident Hunting Deer	35	
Non-resident Hunting Small Game	9	
	<hr/>	84
Total		1316

122 deer tagged at Farley's Filling Station:

73 Buck, 49 Doe.

Victualers licenses issued 74.

VITAL STATISTICS

	Births	
In Wells, 2	Out of Town, 57	Total 59
	Deaths	
In Wells, 32	Out of Town, 32	Total 64
	Marriages	
In Wells, 27	Out of Town, 25	Total 52
Delayed returns: Birth 1902 - 1		
	1950 - 1	
	1952 - 1	
Corrected returns Birth - 4		

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE E. WORMWOOD,

Treasurer's Report

NOTE

It is to be noted that the Town Auditor states in his report that Treasurer's Receipt Numbers 1626 to 1650 inclusive "is missing and unaccounted for".

As a matter of fact the receipt book for the numbers indicated were missing when the package was received from the Town Office. This was called to the attention of Mr. Lancaster, Town Manager at the time, and the missing numbers were noted on the Treasurer's cash book. Thus, the receipt book which was missing was explained, and could not be accounted for as it was never delivered to the Treasurer.

WALTER E. HATCH
Treasurer, Town of Wells, Maine

RECEIPTS

Balance—January 1, 1954	\$ 40,022.15
1952 Taxes	6.40
1952 Tax Liens	1,667.80
1951 Tax Liens	760.00
1949 Tax Liens	32.59
1950 Tax Liens	89.02
1953 Tax Liens	1,055.38
1954 Taxes	325,043.10
Discount on Taxes	2,671.17
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	322,371.93
1953 Taxes	14,541.67
1954 Wells Excise Tax	11,658.91
1954 Ogunquit Excise Tax	6,214.49
1955 Wells Excise Tax	1,477.35
1955 Ogunquit Excise Tax	1,359.80
Administration	282.85
Interest	1,041.89
1954 Toilets	360.65
Withholding Tax	13,977.80
Social Security	967.42

Insurance	502.59
E. R. S.	4,194.65
Town Poor	495.35
State Poor	659.65
Town Hall Building	1,553.17
Town Hall Building Insurance	132.00
Equipment Rental	376.00
Winter Maintenance	264.80
Summer Maintenance	96.00
Anticipation Notes	250,000.00
Accounts Receivable	1,176.88
Police	39.30
Town Garage	14.00
Miscellaneous	17.80
Licenses	87.00
Highways	7,350.14
Wells Beach Hose Co.	291.45
Wells Corner Hose Co.	28.79
Dividends	26.40
G. Wormwood SS	2.50
Shade Trees	56.75
Street Lights	36.00
Refunds Dog Licenses	127.10
1954 R. R. & Tel. Tax	162.04
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	289.14
Dog Tax	22.10
Bank Stock Tax	347.45
Fire Protections	327.45
School Maintenance	34,251.35
Athletic Field	28.00
Repairs	10.10
Professional Credits	50.00
Unappropriated Ssrplus	.38
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	\$720,615.29

EXPENDITURES

Warrants 1-52 Inclusive	\$667,439.72
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Cash Balance forward January 1, 1955	\$ 53,175.57

BAYLEY TRUST FUND

Community Trust Company (Ogunquit Branch)		
Bank Book Number 5074	\$	330.25
Dividends Received from Investments		37.08

Disbursements	\$	367.33
Philip Hines, Supt. of Schools		
for Scholarship 1954		10.00

Balance December 31, 1954 as evidenced by Community Trust Company Bank Book Number 5074	\$	357.33
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Assets in kind in custody of Town Treasurer

14 shares, Brown Company, Common as evidenced by Certificate No. VTC/B 1976

3 shares, Brown Company, \$3.00 Cumulative Second Preference stock as evidenced by Certificate No. P3/B 896

3 shares, Brown Company, \$5.00 Cumulative Convertible First Preference stock as evidenced by Certificate No. P5/B 910

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Community Trust Company (Ogunquit Branch)		
Bank Book No. 6192	\$	22,645.00
(Received from Treasurer of United State Check No. 25,844,190, check dated September 29, 1954)		

WALTER E. HATCH

Treasurer

SCHEDULE 5

Town Debt

	Dated	Rate	Maturity	Amount
Community Trust Company: Athletic Field Note No. 2	6-4-53	2%	9-1-55	\$ 4,200.00
TOTAL NOTES PAYABLE				<u>4,200.00</u>

SCHEDULE 6

BONDS PAYABLE

	Purpose	Date of Issue	Rate	Maturity	Original Issue	Amount Outstanding
	Refunding High School	1922 1935	5 % 3 1/4 %	\$ 500.00 annually 2,000.00 annually to 1959 and 1,000.00 in 1960	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	School Improvement	1940	2 %	\$ 2,000.00 in 1954 and \$ 600.00 in 1955	47,500.00 28,600.00	11,500.00 600.00
	School	1951	2 %	\$ 12,000.00 1954-1957 \$ 13,000.00 1958-1962	125,000.00	101,000.00
TOTAL BONDS PAYABLE						\$115,100.00

REPORT OF WELLS HARBOR COMMITTEE

The Selectmen under authoriazation voted under Article TWENTY-SEVEN (27) of the Annual Town Meeting of 1954 appointed the following Committee of five citizens to investigate the possibility and feasibility of esestablishing a Harbor between Wells Beach and Drake's Island, namely, Paul Whitin, Jr., Ernest E. Gallant, William J. Lessard, George C. Lord and Walter E. Hatch.

Your Committee met and organized on April 8, 1954. Paul Whitin, Jr. was elected Chairman and George C. Lord, Secretary. At this meeting it was voted that this Committee be known as "Wells Harbor Committee".

It should be recognized by all that the project undertaken is at the present time a "Dream," a "Sleeping Beauty" with great potentials and possibilities. A project of the magnitude undertaken requires a great deal of preliminary ground work, planning, study, surveys, cooperation on the part of our Representatives in the United States Congress and above all else MONEY. The latter would seem to be the key to the success or failure of our Harbor project.

On May 5, 1954 your Committee prepared and forwarded a Resolution to Senator Margaret Chase Smith asking that the Wells Harbor Project be included in the Ominbus Rivers and Harbor Bill of the United States Congress. Senator Smith attended to this matter in her usual efficient manner and saw to it that our Project was included in the Harbor Bill.

Our case has also been presented and taken up with Mr. Frank Fogaty, New England Corp of Engineers U. S. Army, 857 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. Your Committee has been advised by Mr. Fogaty that the next move is to obtain an appropriation by Congress for a preliminary survey. Your Committee has arranged to contact Representative Robert Hale regarding this appropriation. We have been further advised that there are twenty-four (24) steps to be taken in conceiving, obtaining authorization and constructing a Harbor. That the minumum time for final action is five years, the maximum time fifteen years. The Harbor Committee has functioned for approximately ten moths and we have now reached the fourth step in our Project.

The matter at hand is still in its preliminary stage and we are unable to make any recommendations whether a Harbor for Wells is possible or feasible. We do, recommend that the Committee be authorized to continue its investigation and study.

WELLS HARBOR COMMITTEE

General Government

ADMINISTRATION

The Town of Wells would very much like to purchase a Multi-graph Machine, Mutilith Model No. 1250 in order to print our own Town Reports, Tax Lists, stationery, and forms. This machine could also be used for other purposes such as the schools, the Old Wells-by-the-Sea Association for advertising, and also a little outside printing.

The cost of the machine is \$2,300.00 and would almost pay for itself in one years time. We had a good unexpended balance in this account last year and it could be even more next year if we buy this machine.

ADMINISTRATION

Town Appropriation	\$ 18,302.22
Other	1,385.10
	\$ 19,687.32

EXPENDITURES

Town Manager's Salary	\$ 4,800.00
Town Manager's Expenses	840.00
Office Clerks	2,393.00
Assessors' Salaries	1,200.00
Assessors' Assistant	1,515.25
Town Reports, Tax Lists, etc.	1,803.57
Town Meetings and Elections	482.50
Telephone—office and Drakes Island	395.15
Postage	307.69
Office Expense and Supplies	418.99
Town Clerk's Telephone and Supplies	340.17
Assessors' Supplies	457.68
Tax Liens	91.09
Audit	642.00
Office Equipment	135.00
Other Expenses etc.	116.00
Town Clerk, Treasurer, and School Comm.	
Salary	1,600.00
Bonds and Insurance	290.00
Loan for making change	100.00
Voting List	40.00
Water—Depot street	5.42
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	17,974.11
Balance	\$ 1,713.21

TOWN HALL BUILDING

There has been some minor repairs on the Town Hall building including a new roof, topping off the chimneys, and fixing the clock. Also part of the town hall floor upstairs was partitioned off and made into a combination Town Clerk and Assessors' Office.

There are still many improvements that were neglected due to the fact that not enough money was appropriated at the annual town meeting. This building should be repainted and the cement walk and steps in front are badly in need of repair.

RESOURCES

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00
Other	1,670.17
	\$ 3,670.17

EXPENDITURES

Janitor	\$ 1,040.00
Lights	216.45
Fuel	906.00
Water	187.63
Repairs	651.82
Other (Supplies)	119.64
Insurance	41.24
Roof	398.00

\$ 3,560.78

Balance \$ 109.39

Police Department

927 Items logged in Police Log for 1954.

13 Arrests — 11 Convictions — 1 case withdrawn.

Approximately 35 delinquent dog licenses collected.

In the annual 1954 Police Budget, the amount appropriated for the Police Cruiser, was not sufficient to cover the expenses of operating the Police Cruiser. This being due to the Police Cruiser in use 18 to 20 hours per day. An 8 to 10 hour shift during the day and an 8 hour shift during the night. Also that the Police Cruiser needed necessary repairs, due to the wear and tear of 3 years. The mileage on the cruiser now is about 52000 miles, in addition to much mileage used when motor is running constantly to keep radio in operation, making an average of 72000 miles. Therefore causing the overdraft.

The telephone calls have almost doubled, especially during the summer months. This was very trying, due to the budget being in-sufficient to put more men on duty. Despite this fact, all calls were answered and service rendered from this Police Dept.

I wish to thank the State Police at this time, for the splendid co-operation with this Police Dept. All telephone calls that come to my home, are in turn called in to the State Police Barracks and they reach me on the Cruiser Radio. I also wish to thank the telephone operators for their wonderful co-operation.

(Chief of Police)

WILLIAM R. SHAW

RESOURCES

Town Appropriation	\$ 5,343.00
Other	39.94
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	\$ 5,382.94

EXPENDITURES

Chief of Police	\$ 2,808.00
Special Officers	1,882.00
Car Expense	830.51
Radio	7.00
Supplies	20.50
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	5,548.01
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Overdraft	\$ 165.07

WELLS BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the year ending December 31, 1954, the Wells Beach Fire Department answered the following calls:

Fire Calls	15
Lost Children on Beach	7
Rescue Calls (Inhalator)	4
Town Dump	4
Still Alarms	3
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Total Calls	33

The 1954 Ford truck, model 750, is now in operation at Wells Beach Station. We now have two trucks and an ambulance all in first-class condition due to the excellent co-operation of the

members of the town highway crew at no additional expense to the fire company.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK FREELAND, CHIEF

RESOURCES

Town Appropriation	\$ 3,520.00
Other	276.65
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	\$ 3,796.65

EXPENDITURES

Truck Maintenance	\$ 208.04	
Telephone	235.77	
Lights	249.60	
Fuel	394.37	
Fire Alarm and Other (Repairs)	770.08	
Fire Supplies (Hose, etc.)	1,047.06	
Building Repairs	475.96	
Radio	25.89	
Compressor	18.52	
Water	23.26	
Journal Entry	292.50	
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	\$ 3,741.05	
Balance		\$ 55.60

WELLS CORNER HOSE COMPANY

During the year ending December 31, 1954, the Wells Corner Hose Company answered the following calls:

House fires	3
Chimney fires	14
Car and truck fires	7
Saw mill fires	1
Cellars Pumped Out	20
Woods fires	12
False alarms	4

A forestry pump has been purchased during 1954 for this Company, and the Diamond T. truck has been painted. All three trucks have been put in A-1 condition, mechanically, by the Town Garage at no additional expense to the Town of Wells for labor. The Wells Corner Hose Company radio was in operation during all fires in 1954.

HAROLD BRIDGES,
Chief.

RESOURCES

Balance, ,January 1, 1954	\$ 17.51
Town Appropriation	2,500.00
Other	28.79
	<hr/> \$ 2,546.30

EXPENDITURES

Truck Maintenance	\$ 937.19
Telephone	84.65
Lights	137.05
Fuel	297.72
Fire Whistle	227.38
Other (Repairs)	87.89
Heating System	67.10
Water	5.76
Supplies	373.45
Journal Entry	237.00
	<hr/> \$ 2,455.19
Balance	\$ 91.11

HIGHPINE FIRE ASSOCIATION

In 1954 seven calls were answered with an average attendance of six men for each call. During the hurricanes the telephone and power service was not available for four days, which will show the townspeople the need for portable generators and radio communication systems in Town.

The Association has purchased and installed a 2-way radio in the Dodge truck and a request for a portable generator is included in this year's budget. Also included is a request for a larger generator on the Dodge truck and improvement on the fire alarm system.

The Auxiliary had an inlaid tile floor placed in the fire hall and had the walls painted. This was paid for with money earned from sponsoring the Lion's Club suppers.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP P. HATCH, CHIEF

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 360.64
Town Appropriation	600.00
	<hr/> \$ 960.64

EXPENDITURES

Truck Maintenance	\$	84.60
Fire Siren		55.16
Fire Supplies		100.40
Telephone		71.34
Lights		113.58
Fuel		268.25
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		693.33

Balance	\$	267.31
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HYDRANT RENTAL

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$	340.73
Town Appropriation		3,591.44
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	\$	3,932.17

EXPENDITURES

Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District	\$	4,053.00
Overdraft	\$	120.83

NEW FIRE TRUCK

Town Appropriation	\$	9,500.00
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EXPENDITURES

Chassis	\$	2,782.18
Expenses for delivery of truck		100.00
Fire apparatus		5,424.45
Journal Entry		49.90
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	\$	8,356.53

Balance	\$	1,143.47
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LIFE SAVING BOAT

Town Appropriation	\$	200.00
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EXPENDITURES

Life Boat	\$	160.00
Lettering		5.00
Equipment		5.80
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	\$	170.80

Balance	\$	29.20
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LIGHTS

Town Appropriation	\$ 5,185.00
Other	36.00
	\$ 5,221.00

EXPENDITURES

Street	\$ 4,440.72	
Traffic	477.01	
Neon Signs	84.68	
Garage	72.06	
Skating Rink	2.41	
Journal Entries	187.29	
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	\$ 5,264.17	
Overdraft		\$ 43.17

DUMP

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
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EXPENDITURES

Caretaker's Salary	\$ 780.00	
Supplies	46.09	
Extra Men	45.00	
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	\$ 871.09	
Balance		\$ 128.91

STREET AND BEACH CLEANING

This year the beaches were thoroughly cleaned at the beginning of the summer season and the lifeguards were responsible for the beach areas directly in front of the Municipal parking lots.

We did not, however, clean the beaches daily in front of some of the rooming houses and hotels as it was their own guests who were throwing the litter on the beaches and we felt that it was the responsibility of the property owners and not the Town in those designated areas.

RESOURCES

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
Other	7.28
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	\$ 1,507.28

EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 954.05	
Balance		\$ 553.23

TOWNGARAGE

Town Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
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FISHERMAN'S SLIP

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 300.00
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OGUNQUIT VILLAGE CORPORATION

Town Appropriation	\$87,403.01
Journal Entry	1,107.52
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	\$ 88,510.53

EXPENDITURES

Ogunquit Village Corporation	\$ 69,000.00
Journal Entry	19,510.53
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	\$ 88,510.53

DEBT AND INTEREST

Town Appropriation	\$ 25,622.42
Journal Entry	1,042.94
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	\$ 26,665.36

EXPENDITURES

Debt	\$ 23,371.27
Interest	2,945.25
Journal Entry	1.13
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	\$ 26,317.65
Balance	\$ 347.71

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

Community Trust Company	\$250,000.00
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EXPENDITURES

Community Trust Company	\$250,000.00
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FIRE FIGHTING

Town Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
Other	327.45
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	\$ 3,327.45

EXPENDITURES

Labor	1,164.12	
Journal Entry (Jhn Rasza)	58.60	
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	1,222.72	
Balance		\$ 2,104.73

LIFE SAVING

RESOURCES

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,700.00
Other	14.80
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	\$ 1,714.80

EXPENDITURES

Lifeguards	\$ 1,298.54	
Supplies	8.26	
Oxygen	31.05	
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	\$ 1,337.85	
Balance		\$ 376.95

TOILET AT MOODY BEACH

RESOURCES

Journal Entry	\$ 7.28
Other	250.00
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	\$ 257.28

EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 14.56	
Supplies	61.26	
Water	174.86	
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	\$ 250.68	
Balance		\$ 6.60

HARBOR COMMITTEE

Town Appropriation	\$ 100.00
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TOILETS AT WELLS BEACH

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
Other	110.65
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	\$ 1,110.65

EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 687.40
Repairs	28.03
Lights	13.15
Supplies	60.32
Water	154.55
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	\$ 943.45
Balance	\$ 167.20

Civil Defense

The Civil Defense account has a balance of \$138.73 and no money is being appropriated at Town Meeting this year because of the townspeople's lack of interest in this program. Some money was used during the hurricanes to feed the evacuees from the beach areas, and the other money was spent for lights.

Every community is urged to re-activate their civil defense program, and it is a shame that the people who offered their services free of charge received so little support from their fellow citizens.

Our State Authorities are urging these lax communities to step-up their Civil Defense programs, so what are we going to do? IS OUR TOWN GOING TO CONTINUE TO LAG BEHIND? Let's find someone who is willing to give of their time freely, and give them the support that they need, and show them that Wells can do it if they want to!

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 261.39
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EXPENDITURES

Supplies	\$ 110.30
Lights	12.36
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	\$ 122.66
Balance	\$ 138.73

BUFFAM'S HILL CEMETERY

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 960.00
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MEMORIAL DAY

Town Appropriation	\$	200.00
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EXPENDITURES

Mrs. Merrill Kelley, Treasurer	\$	200.00
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MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU

Town Appropriation	\$	200.00
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EXPENDITURES

State of Maine Publicity Bureau	\$	200.00
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SHADE TREES

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$	1,262.57
Other		56.75
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	\$	1,319.32

EXPENDITURES

Abbott Brothers Tree Service	\$	413.75
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Balance	\$	905.57

ABATEMENTS

Town Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
Journal Entry		16.32
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	\$	1,016.32

EXPENDITURES

Cash Abatements	\$	45.48
Abatements		2,231.17
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	\$	2,276.65
Overdraft	\$	1,260.33

TAX DISCOUNTS

Town Appropriation	\$	2,400.00
Journal Entry		4.12
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	\$	2,404.12

EXPENDITURES

Refunds	\$ 22.66	
Discounts Allowed	2,671.17	
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	\$ 2,693.83	
Overdraft		\$ 289.71

INSURANCE

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 1,832.17
Town Appropriation	3,118.99
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	\$ 4,951.16

EXPENDITURES

Fire	\$ 2,238.11	
Public Liability and Property Damage	891.26	
Auto Comprehensive	70.77	
Workmen's Compensation	997.34	
Fireman's Accident	277.35	
Social Security	760.62	
Fire and Theft	195.84	
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	\$ 5,431.29	
Overdraft		\$ 480.13

OCEAN VIEW CEMETERY

RESOURCES

Town Appropriation	\$ 400.00
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EXPENDITURES

Treasurer of Ocean View Cemetery	
Coropration	\$ 400.00

Highways

A great deal was accomplished this past year on our highways. Four bridges were reconstructed, two miles of new roads were built and tarred, and four miles of old roads were retreated. Thirty culverts were installed during the past year and all of the hurricane debris was disposed of.

The town highway crew has stayed within all of its appropriations and unexpended balances will be carried forward to the year of 1955 so that even less money will have to be raised by taxation.

REGULAR CREWS

In order to save your Police Department and Fire Companies money, any minor repairs to the vehicles and the fire houses were done by the town crew.

RESOURCES

Town Appropriation	\$ 12,000.00
Other	664.94
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	\$ 12,664.94

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 12,581.54
Balance	\$ 83.40

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00
Other	2,432.88
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	\$ 12,432.88

EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 2,967.90
Equipment Rental	747.66
Supplies	246.34
Culverts	1,301.25
Signs	239.71
Bridge Plank and Supplies	647.69
Gravel and Sand	380.30
Calcium	539.69
Journal Entries	1,595.26
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	\$ 8,665.80
Balance	\$ 3,767.08

TAR

Town Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00
Other	240.00
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	\$ 8,240.00

EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 210.23
Equipment	327.06
Tar	3,731.00

	\$ 4,268.29	
Balance		\$ 3,971.71

WINTER MAINTENANCE

State of Maine	\$ 3,517.15
Others	319.42
Excise Tax	9,321.15
	<hr/> \$ 13,157.72

EXPENDITURES

Plowing	\$ 2,683.44
Sanding	1,823.11
Labor	3,902.32
General Maintenance-Equipment Rental	774.57
Supplies	1,880.29
Gravel	46.80
Salt	1,418.09
Journal Entries	629.10
	<hr/> \$ 13,157.72

EQUIPMENT

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 7,008.81
Other	4,109.15
	<hr/> \$ 11,117.96

EXPENDITURES

Chevrolet Pickup	\$ 604.08
Oshkosh	455.90
Grader	664.77
Tractor (Bulldozer)	695.10
Garage	1,562.93
Low Bed Trailer	11.50
Small Tools and Supplies	398.71
Chevrolet Dump Truck	2,886.53
Journal Entry	.64
	<hr/> \$ 7,280.16

Balance	\$ 3,837.80
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TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

The Town Road Improvement money for the year 1954 was spent building two new roads and tarring them, namely the Telephone Office Road and the Clarrage Road.

RESOURCES

Journal Entry	\$ 7,961.41
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EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 245.64
Equipment Rental	997.03
Fill	172.80
Tar	5,212.00
Journal Entry	1,333.94
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	\$ 7,961.41

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 2,111.56
Town Appropriation	2,932.00
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Balance	\$ 5,043.56

SIDEWALKS

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 584.36
Town Appropriation	500.00
Balance	\$ 1,084.36

SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION

Balance	\$ 879.08
Town Appropriation	700.00
Balance	\$ 1,579.08

Publicity

The Old Wells-By-The-Sea Improvement Association believing that the Townspeople are entitled to know how the money received from the Town for Publicity is spent, issues the following statement for 1954.

The following is inserted 72 times from April 4th., to June 6th., in seven (7) newspapers throughout the United States and Canada.

"Wells Beach: Moody Beach: Drakes Island: Wells Branch: Merriland Ridge: High Pine. Delightful combination of sea-shore and country. 10 miles of sandy beaches for surf bathing pine woods, deep sea fishing, restful surroundings. Churches. Movies. Amusement Center. Bowling. Golf. Dancing. Famous Wells Beach Clams and Maine Lobster. Modern Tourist Cabins and Homes near beaches. Available May to October. For detailed information write: OLD WELLS-BY-THE-SEA ASS'N, Lock Box:—Wells, Maine."

An accurate account of all replies from the various Advertisements are recorded, and newspapers are changed each year according to results. All inquiries are sent Descriptive Brochures and Colored Folders, printed at the expense of the Association. There were over 5,000 inquiries answered in 1954.

Regular scheduled meetings are held the last Thursday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend and new memberships would be welcomed. This chartered Organization is dedicated to the betterment of the Town as a whole, and not to any specific Area.

Received from the Town	\$ 1,200.00
Newspaper Advertising	1,000.00
Partial payment for two (2) block dances	200.00
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	\$ 1,200.00

Respectfully Submitted,
 LOUISE M. TAYLOR,
 Secretary.

RESOURCES

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,100.00
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EXPENDITURES

Billboard	\$ 450.00
Old Wells-by-the-Sea	1,200.00
Ad in Maine Invites You	275.00
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	\$ 1,925.00

Balance	\$ 175.00
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Health and Sanitation

HEALTH OFFICER SUPPLIES

Town Appropriation	\$	50.00
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EXPENDITURES

Supplies	\$	45.00
Balance	\$	5.00

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

In June of 1954, the Town of Wells was very sorry to lose the services of Mrs. Margaret Grant, who filled the position of Town Nurse so ably for six years.

It was a pleasure to return to Wells in September of 1954, after graduating from the Rumford Hospital and taking post-graduate work in Public Health and School Nursing at Simmons College.

I give my sincere thanks for the generous co-operation of the Wells-Ogunquit Health Association, the local doctors and other civic-minded organizations and individuals. With their continued support, I will work toward the ultimate goal of a standard of living for all of our people commensurate with the maintenance of health and good living. The following is a report of our progress in that direction:

School Health: Physical Examinations: 229

Given to pupils in the first, fourth, seventh and tenth grades, by a qualified medical doctor. Recommendations for correction of defects made to parents.

Screening for eye and ear defects:

Visual acuity of all pupils determined. Ears of all pupils from fourth grade and up tested and recommendations for correction of these defects made known to parents.

Immunizations: 259

Given to pupils up to ten years of age for tetanus, whooping cough and diphtheria.

Dental Clinic: Attended by 43 children

Sponsored by the Wells-Ogunquit Health Association, with the co-operation of Dr. Filson. For all pupils in third grade desiring dental work, teeth are examined, corrective work done, and fluorine treatments given.

Vaccinations: 153

Offered to public and school children in Spring.

Home Nursing:

Offers prenatal and postpartum care and advice, care of the newborn, bedside care, enemas, dressings, and hypodermic injections.

Baby Clinics:

Offered monthly except July and August, with an average attendance of fifteen children monthly. Free physical examinations and evaluation of growth, immunizations against tetanus, diptheria, and whooping cough by a qualified medical doctor. Transportation is provided by the nurse or volunteers.

Communicable Disease control:

With the co-operation of parents in reporting these diseases to the Health Officer and the Nurse, they have been kept to a minimum. The most prevalent diseases this year have been Scarlatina in the Spring and Measles in December.

Respectfully submitted,

RUBY L. LORD, R. N.

Town Appropriation	\$ 3,835.00
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EXPENDITURES

Nurse's Salary	\$ 3,134.97	
Nurse's Expenses	787.68	
Telephone	178.42	
Supplies	21.38	
Spare Nurse	99.16	
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	\$ 4,221.61	
Overdraft		\$ 386.61

Athletic Field Committee

Balance on hand, January 1, 1954	\$ 4,501.10
Appropriation, March 1954	8,000.00
Robert Brown, Use of Town Equipment	28.00
Total	12,529.10
Expended	9,155.57
Balance on hand, January 1, 1954	3,373.53

During 1954 the field has been graded, loamed, fertilized and seeded to rye. In the spring the committee plants to cut under the rye, fertilize again and sow to grass with a final leveling. We have stayed with in our budget and will have a balance of

about \$2600 after the field is finished. This amount was originally set up for irrigation but it is the opinion of the committee that irrigation should not be considered until the natural water supply has proven inadequate.

We recommend that the Town give authority to use whatever balance is available for the purchase of a power mower and construction of a diamond, track and football field as far as such balance will allow.

In closing the committee wish to thank the Town Manager and Town Employees for their co-operation and all others who have contributed time and materials to make this project successful.

DONALD KNOX

GROVER PERKINS

THEODORE HUTCHINS

JOSEPH HOUSTON

WALDO CHICK

RESOURCES

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 4,501.10
Town Appropriation	8,000.00
Other	28.00
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	\$ 12,529.10

EXPENDITURES

Gravel and Loam	\$ 4,518.56	
Excavation	956.00	
Payments	2,300.00	
Surveying	596.96	
Labor	66.00	
Fertilizer	368.75	
Legal Services	32.00	
Seed	45.00	
Journal Entries	272.30	
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	\$ 9,155.57	
Balance		\$ 3,373.53

Charity

TOWN POOR

There was a DECREASE in our town poor account due to the fact that any able-bodied man who applied for relief was put to work cutting wood on the town woodlot. We still have many elderly people that are patients in convalescent homes.

RESOURCES

Town Appropriation	\$ 14,000.00
Other	530.60
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	\$ 14,530.60

EXPENDITURES

Aid to needy	\$ 9,884.79
Balance	\$ 4,645.81

STATE POOR

Received from State of Maine	\$ 344.06
Due from State of Maine	336.47
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	\$ 680.53

EXPENDITURES

Aid to needy	\$ 640.53
Journal Entry	40.00
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	\$ 680.53

OTHER TOWNS POOR

RESOURCES

Town of Kennebunk, Maine	\$ 4.75
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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,200.00
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EXPENDITURES

State of Maine	\$ 843.30
Balance	\$ 356.70

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Wells:

This is my fourth annual report of the public schools. The friendly help given me during the past few years by School Committee members and citizens of this community continues to be a source of gratification. I appreciate the helpfulness of all concerned with the welfare of our schools.

Your Superintendent and School Committee wish to re-emphasize their hope that interested citizens will feel free to appear at regular or special School Committee meetings to make any reasonable requests, offer advice, or obtain information. The School Committee meets regularly at the Superintendent's Office on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 P. M.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS AND THE SCHOOL HOUSING PROBLEM

In the past three years the first point of emphasis in each of my yearly reports has been the rapidly increasing enrollments and the inevitable effect on the number of classrooms and the number of teachers necessary. The enrollments for the last few year were:

1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
615	640	680	717	744

As you can see, school enrollments have increased by one classroom or more each year. It is no longer possible to continue to absorb these increases without the construction of additional classrooms.

This being so, a four months study of the school enrollment problem was made to provide a carefully documented basis for the recommendations of the School Committee and a sixteen-member School Planning Committee.

The School Planning Committee was selected to represent all areas in the town, including Ogunquit, and charged with the responsibility for a careful study of the entire school housing problem. A ten page report of the the School Planning Committee was forwarded to the voters a few weeks ago.

The report shows:

1. A continuing increase in elementary school enrollments at Wells.
2. An increase in seventh and eighth grade enrollments at Wells.
3. A slight decrease in enrollments at Ogunquit.

An actual breakdown of enrollments, classroom by classroom, revealed the necessity for a six-room addition to the Wells Elementary School. This conclusion was based directly on present enrollments and on preschool children now living in the Wells area.

Facing the reality of the enrollment picture, the School Planning Committee studied the problem carefully and made the following recommendations.

1. Immediate construction of a six-room addition to the Wells Elementary School building.
2. Appropriation of \$77,645.00 for this construction.
3. Immediate appointment of a Building Committee to insure completion of the addition before the opening of school next fall.
4. Acceptance of Plan No. 1, submitted by an architect, providing for a six-room wing extending in a northerly direction from the east end of the present building.

The location of the new wing was approved by the sixteen-member Planning Committee after careful study. The location was reported to the voters on the cover sheet of the ten-page report. The new wing extends in the direction of the athletic field. The distance from the end of the new wing to the batter's box on the baseball diamond will be nearly 400 feet and the entire area of the football field will also be a long distance from the new wing.

The location of the new wing as approved by the Planning Committee is ideal because:

1. The kitchen, office, teachers' room, and the all purpose room are immediately adjacent to the new classrooms.
2. These central areas need to be near at hand for effective use by the little children to be housed in the new classrooms.
3. The value and appearance of the school building is greatly enhanced by the location as voted by the Planning Committee.
4. The approved location eliminates any need for duplication of existing facilities.

Only a few days ago, your School Committee and Superintendent learned, by chance, of the submission of an article in the

Town Warrant for the construction of a school building at Ogunquit. This move represents a desire for improved facilities at Ogunquit. The recommendations of the School Committee and the sixteen-member Planning Committee were a direct response to the necessities of the enrollment picture. These recommendations, as far as I can judge, do not necessarily represent opposition to the desire for improved facilities at Ogunquit.

Evaluation of any proposal for new construction at Ogunquit must, of course, await a submission of such proposal in detail.

TEACHERS AND ASSIGNMENTS

This fall it was necessary to transfer the entire sixth grade and part of the fifth grade from the Wells Elementary School to the Junior High School. The resulting nine-teacher staff at the Elementary Building was as follows:

Miss Nora Malkson—Principal, Grade 5
Mrs. Dorothy Tebbetts—Grade 4
Mrs. Elizabeth Beals—Grade 3-4
Mrs. Beatrice Spiller—Grade 3
Mrs. Helen Curtis—Grade 2
Mrs. Edith Colby—Grade 2
Mrs. Dorothy Ward—Grade 1
Miss Isabelle Southard—Grade 1
Mrs. Genevieve Day—Preprimary

The foregoing staff includes four members new to the community. Mrs. Elizabeth Beals is a graduate of Gorham Normal School and has taught in Shapleigh and Alfred, Maine. Mrs. Helen Curtis is a graduate of Gorham Normal School and has previously taught in Weston, Winn, Wells and Kennebunk, Maine. Miss Isabelle Southard is a graduate of Keene Teachers College in June of 1950 and since that time has taught two years in Nashua, New Hampshire, a year at Oakland, Maine, and a year at Beverly, Massachusetts. Mrs. Genevieve Day attended Farmington State Teachers College and her present position is her first teaching experience other than practice training which she received at the college.

Two new teachers were appointed to fill positions at the Ogunquit School. Mrs. Barbara Martens, Grade 5-6, is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and obtained her Master's Degree from Plymouth Teachers College in June, 1951. Since that time Mrs. Martens has been teaching at Hampton, New Hampshire. Mrs. Carlene Suslar, Preprimary, was trained at Farmington State Teachers College and the University of Maine and has

taught at Bryant Pond, Orono and Bath, Maine.

There are three new teachers in the Junior High School. Mr. Carroll Beals was appointed principal and teacher of Grade 8. He is a graduate of Gorham State Teachers College. Mr. Fred Keylor, Grade 7-8, graduated in June, 1953 from Gorham State Teachers College and has taught in East Granby, Connecticut. Mr. William Herrman, Grade 5-6, graduated last June from Gorham State Teachers College.

In the High School, Mrs. Cecilia Thyng was elected teacher of English and Latin. Mrs. Thyng is a graduate of Colby College and has pursued advance training at the University of Maine and at Colby College. Mrs. Thyng has taught with outstanding success for twenty-five years at Lawrence High School in Fairfield, Maine. Another teacher of wide experience is Mr. Russell Copeland, teacher of science, who received his Ph. B. from Yale University and his Master's Degree from Columbia University. Mr. Copeland taught for twenty years at Stamford, Connecticut. Mr. Andrew Rines has been appointed instructor of social studies and physical education and coach of basketball and baseball. Mr. Rines is a graduate of the University of Maine. Mr. Vincent Davey was appointed teacher of English and French and coach of varsity football. Mr. Davey is a graduate of Merrimack College and has also attended Fitchburg State Teachers College. Mr. George Langille, a product of Springfield College and the University of Maine, was appointed instructor of driver training, physical education and hygiene, and coach of girls' athletics. Mr. Langille taught for many years at Calais and at Ellsworth, Maine.

THE SALARY OF THE WELLS TEACHER

Salaries of Wells teachers were increased considerably a few years ago. A year or so later another increase was granted. For the second year, however, salaries have been fixed at the present schedule. The present salary status of the Wells teacher is not good. Compared with teacher salaries in town of comparable size in this area of the State, the Wells teacher ranks last on the list. There follows a list of towns of comparable size showing the number of teachers employed and the average salary for each group of teachers.

Town	No. of Teachers	Average Salary
Cape Elizabeth	43	\$ 3,411.63
Kennebunk	45	3,326.56
Falmouth	45	3,236.89
Scarborough	49	3,048.47

York	41	3,047.56
Eliot	27	2,990.74
Gorham	23	2,957.14
South Berwick	23	2,952.17
North Berwick	15	2,966.67
Cumberland	24	2,920.83
Wells	29	2,917.24

Such sorry status is, in large part, directly responsible for an alarming turnover in the teaching staff. Each year we lose a considerable number of superior teachers who elect to go to other towns where the salaries are greater. Fifty per cent of our teaching staff this year are new to the Wells school system!

There is small wonder, therefore, that the School Committee voted to honor a salary increase request of the Wells teachers by placing a separate article in the Town Warrant. Article 18 asks for \$1936.00 to provide a salary schedule increase for teachers.

The cost of such a salary schedule change is estimated at less than \$2000.00 for 1955. In 1956, the cost of the proposed change would be nearer \$5000.00.

THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 1954-1955 school calendar is as follows:

First Term:

Begins—Wednesday, September 8, 1954

Ends—Thursday, December 23, 1954

Second Term:

Begins—Monday, January 3, 1955

Ends—Monday, February 21, 1955

Third Term:

Begins—Monday, February 28, 1955

Ends—Friday, April 15, 1955

Fourth Term:

Begins—Monday, April 25, 1955

Ends—Friday, June 10, 1955

List of Holidays: State Teachers' Convention, October 28-29; Armistice Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, November 25; County Teachers' Convention in May; Memorial Day, May 30.

THE SCHOOL BUDGET

Two articles in the Warrant represent the basic school Budget: Article 16, General Operation, \$111,807.00. Article 17, Repairs and Contingencies, \$4,000.00.

The request for Repairs remains the same as in recent years.

The school budget for General Operation may be reviewed in

two ways.

In terms of total expenditure, there has been a steady increase. Witness the following—School Budget

1953	1954	1955
\$142,511.00	\$148,957.00	\$154,532.00

In terms of the tax dollar, the school request has represented a decrease in each of the past two years. This year the pendulum swings the other way and the request is nearly \$10,000 more than that of a year ago. The comparison is as follows:

1952	1953	1954	1955
\$106,907.92	\$103,296.00	\$101,945.00	\$111,807.00

Enrollments have increased by more than 100 pupils in a three-year period. The inevitable result of this increase is more teachers, more books, more supplies, and more expenditures. And, at last, an increase in the amount requested from taxes.

Directly following this report is a comparison of the school budgets for a three-year period and a detailed financial statement for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP G. HINES

Superintendent of Schools

THE WELLS SCHOOL BUDGET

GENERAL OPERATION

SCHOOL BUDGET

	1953	1954	1955
Instruction	\$ 87,588.00	\$ 92,500.00	\$ 94,850.00
Fuel	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,400.00
Janitor & Cleaning	8,480.00	8,640.00	9,940.00
Conveyance	24,000.00	23,800.00	23,000.00
Handicapped Children	653.00	500.00	500.00
Tuition		150.00	150.00
Textbooks	3,000.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
Supplies	4,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Utility Service	1,900.00	2,140.00	3,200.00
Graduation	100.00	100.00	100.00
Supervision	3,065.00	3,067.00	3,467.00
Home Economics	200.00	200.00	200.00
Manual Arts	650.00	650.00	750.00

Evening School	950.00	950.00	950.00
Driver Training	175.00	210.00	225.00
Physical Education	300.00	300.00	300.00
Band Equipment	200.00	200.00	200.00
Athletics	300.00	300.00	300.00
Apparatus & Equipment	1,450.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total	<u>\$142,511.00</u>	<u>\$148,957.00</u>	<u>\$154,532.00</u>
Receipts and Balances	<u>39,215.00</u>	<u>47,012.00</u>	<u>42,725.00</u>
FROM TAXES	<u>\$103,296.00</u>	<u>\$101,945.00</u>	<u>\$111,807.00</u>
Repairs and Contingencies			
Balance	432.03	29.65	124.00
Appropriations	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
FROM TAXES—			
REGULAR BUDGET	\$107,296.00	\$105,945.00	\$115,807.00
Requests From Other Sources			
Salary Schedule Change			1,936.00
Band Uniforms			500.00
Library			500.00
TOTAL FROM TAXES	<u>\$107,296.00</u>	<u>\$105,945.00</u>	<u>\$118,743.00</u>

WELLS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DEC. 31, 1954

School Maintenance Account

Receipts:

Balance, Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 18,348.16
Appropriation	101,945.00
U. S. Treasurer, Federal Children	7,419.97
Treasurer State of Maine—	
Professional Credits	200.00
General Purpose Aid	21,618.70
Evening School	438.50
Handicapped Children	165.56

Tuition

Elementary (York)	\$ 1,554.60
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(So. Berwick)	116.58	
Secondary		
(So. Berwick)	133.68	
(York)	1,069.44	
(Morris Abbott)	66.84	
(Kennebunkport)	267.36	
(William Hochberg)	267.36	
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Total Tuition		\$ 3,475.86
Refunds:		
Janitor & Cleaning	5.00	
Textbooks	10.02	
Supplies	319.00	
Manual Arts	287.83	
Apparatus, Flags, Equipment	234.51	
Athletics	10.24	
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Total Refunds		866.60
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$154,478.35
Expenditures		
Instruction		
Elementary	\$ 51,334.27	
Secondary	33,911.24	85,245.51
Fuel		
Elementary	2,985.43	
Secondary	1,820.51	4,805.94
Janitor & Cleaning		
Elementary	5,947.00	
Secondary	2,643.00	8,590.00
Conveyance		
Elementary	19,452.16	
Secondary	2,518.63	21,970.79
Handicapped Children		
Elementary	250.00	250.00
Textbooks		
Elementary	1,808.43	
Secondary	449.02	2,257.45
Supplies		
Elementary	3,085.06	
Secondary	2,232.40	5,317.46

Water, Light and Power		
Elementary	1,132.21	
Secondary	1,184.24	2,316.45
Supervision	3,067.00	3,067.00
Home Economics	199.63	199.63
Manual Arts	907.83	907.83
Driver Training	204.88	204.88
Physical Education	305.62	305.62
Athletics	309.24	309.24
Apparatus and Equipment		
Elementary	1,192.36	
Secondary	2,021.04	3,213.40
Band Equipment	199.82	199.82
Evening School	950.00	950.00
Graduation	99.76	99.76
Total Expenditures		\$140,210.78
Balance—School Maintenance Account		\$ 14,267.57
Repairs and Contingencies		
Receipts:		
Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 29.65	
Appropriation	4,000.00	
Refunds—broken windows hurrican damage and misc.	132.61	4,162.26
Expenditures		
Elementary	2,492.10	
Secondary	1,546.16	4,038.26
Balance—Repairs and Contingencies		\$ 124.00

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintending School Committee, Superintendent of Schools, and Citizen of the Town of Wells:

One of the most interesting educational highlights of our school year was a Career Day held jointly with North Berwick High School with Wells acting as the host. More than twenty-five speakers representing the equal number of diverse occupations spoke to groups of interested students. Industry, Armed Services, advanced schools, career school, nursing, and the various trades were all represented. Many high school students were undoubtedly aided in their career selection by this comprehensive program. Through guidance activities of this nature, we hope to better prepare our young people for their future vocation.

Wells has more than met the state requirements for a class A high school since 1909; but the real test of a secondary school program is the success of its graduates. We are very proud of the records of our graduates who are now successfully engaged in industry, nursing, teaching, business, home making, the Armed Service, and future education. One-third of our former students who are now in college are on their college dean list or equivalent. (An average of B or higher.)

A total of 184 pupils enrolled in our evening school program which consisted of the following subjects: bookkeeping, shorthand, antique stenciling, ceramics, furniture repairing, wood work, oil painting, English, typewriting, sewing and upholstering. This is the largest enrollment that we have had in eight years of evening school, and many townspeople have expressed a desire to attend evening classes next year.

Our cafeteria facilities accommodate 375 children, served in three shifts of approximately 125 in each group. Miss Marion Davis, Mrs. Marion Stansfield, and Mrs. Jennie Sinclair have maintained the operation of the cafeteria at a high level of efficiency. We are now serving nearly 300 children a day without incurring any indebtedness to the town. In addition, we provide 24 free lunches daily. We follow standardized procedures of serving and of menus established by the state department of Education School Lunch Program. It is necessary to follow the State procedures if we wish to receive free food commodities and reimbursement of five cents per meal from the State. Parents and townspeople are invited to visit our school lunch program in action.

We are most appreciative of the efforts of the athletic field committee who have worked diligently to prepare the field for the

use of our young people. They have perservered in spite of adverse conditions and lack of equipment when most needed. We hope their continued efforts will be crowned with success this spring and summer and that perhaps by next fall the field will be in partial use. At present a very dagerous situation exists where the school children have no place to play except in the parking area and driveway adjacent to the Junior High School. The completion of the athletic field will eliminate this danger.

Please remember that we invite your questions concerning any phase of the high school program, and only by coming to see us ccan your wishes be made known.

If your child has a school problem, his teacher and principal deem it a pleasure to assist the parent in the solution.

The combined efforts of teacher and parent provide for a more satisfactory understanding of the child's particular educational needs.

It is my sincere wish that all parents and citizens of the town will feel free to visit the High School at any time.

I wish to express my appreciation to the school committee, superintendent and high school faculty for the fine cooperation they have extended to me throughout the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN F. HOLDER

Principal

Auditor's Report

February 10, 1955

Board of Selectmen,
Town of Wells,
Wells,, Maine.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, we have made an examination of the books and records of the Town of Wells for the year ended December 31, 1954.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination which we made, the financial affairs of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

In our opinion, the accompanying Exhibits and Schedules fairly present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the year ended December 31, 1954, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. ALHEIM

Certified Public Accountant.

COMMENTS

CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS \$ 53,175.57

The cash balance was checked and ascertained to be in agreement with the amount on deposit. Independent confirmation was made of the balances on deposit in the Tax Collector's and Treasurer's accounts with the Community Trust Company of Ogunquit.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE \$ 10,241.33

This amount consists of outstanding balances owing to the Town as at December 31, 1954 for road improvement, hurricane damage and pauper assistance from the State of Maine as well as from individuals for special town services and equipment rentals, some dating back to 1952. The entire list of unpaid ac-

counts were reviewed with the Town Manager, resulting in \$253.95 being written off as uncollectable.

TAXES RECEIVABLE **\$ 37,368.70**

The detail of this account is presented in Schedule 2, supported by an itemized listing of all years excepting 1954 and 1953 in Schedule 7. A list of unpaid taxes for 1954 will appear elsewhere in the town report and therefore has not been repeated here. The condition of the tax records for 1953 prohibits the inclusion of the unpaid list to meet the deadline of this report.

TAX LIENS **\$ 4,632.14**

All payments on tax liens as evidenced by Treasurer's receipts were checked and found to be credited to the proper items with minor adjustments. During the year under review, tax acquired property was disposed of for a profit of \$279.81 to the Town.

INVESTMENTS **\$ 770.00**

The securities represented by the above account were examined during the course of our audit. The details are set forth in Schedule 3.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE **\$ 24,397.28**

We present in Schedule 4, a list of unpaid obligations of the Town owing as at December 31, 1954.

RESERVE FOR AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE **\$ 53,000.31**

This amount represents the excess of unexpended balances of accounts over overdrafts being carried forward to the ensuing year. Itemized detail of the accounts comprising this total is shown in the Statement of Departmental Operations—Exhibit D, annexed to this report.

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS **\$ 28,790.15**

The net beneficial gain from current operating accounts lapsed, excise taxes unapplied, and from other sources during, amounted to \$14,093.52. An analysis of this account appears in Exhibit C.

DEBT FUND

During the period covered, notes payable were reduced by \$5,180.00 and bonds by \$16,500.00. The details of all notes and bonds outstanding at the end of the year are presented in Schedules 5 and 6.

In the course of the examination of the securities in the

possession of the Treasurer, a pass book was produced revealing a deposit of October 4, 1954 in the amount of \$22,645.00, that was not entered on the Town books. Inquiry brought out the information that this represented a grant from the Federal Government toward the school building erected in 1951, that had never been processed through the town office. Further investigation turned up a newspaper clipping indicating that these funds were to be used for future school construction.

Any such course would be contrary to the vote of the electorate at the town meeting held March 10, 1951, when under Article 5, a resolution was passed which provided for " * * * they shall retire such part of said borrowed funds when such Federal grant is paid to the Town." Under this directive, a sinking fund account has been set up in the Selectmen's Ledger in the amount of \$22,645.00 to provide for the retirement of a like amount of the school bonds of 1951 which mature at the rate of \$12,000.00 annually until 1957 and \$13,000.00 annually thereafter.

GENERAL

Excise tax collections were verified by examination of the copies retained by the Collector and found to be in order without exception.

The overlay was ascertained to be within the legal limit of five percent of the appropriations plus county tax.

The abatement books have not been signed by any of the Assessors.

Treasurer's Receipt book numbered 1626 to 1650 inclusive was missing and unaccounted for.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are believed to be worthy of consideration by the municipal officers:

- (1) Funds appropriated for a town garage over two years ago and not yet used should be placed in a saving account in order to draw interest until these funds are needed;
- (2) All licenses and permits should be issued on prenumbered duplicate forms;
- (3) Our recommendations of prior years to stop payment on all checks over one year old was acted upon by the Treasurer's office after the close of the fiscal year;
- (4) The condition of the tax records and the general handling of the Selectmen's ledger necessitated numerous adjustments and corrections that should be avoided.

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF WELLS
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
 Dec. 31, 1954 - Dec. 31, 1953

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS		
Cash on hand and In Bank	\$53,175.57	5 40,022.15
Accounts Receivable—Schedule 1	10,241.33	4,171.27
Taxes Receivable—Schedule 2	37,368.70	18,820.47
Tax Liens—Schedule 8	4,632.14	5,299.62
Investments—Schedule 3	770.00	770.00
TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	<u>\$106,187.74</u>	<u>\$ 69,083.51</u>

DEBT FUND

ASSETS		
Amount Necessary to Retire Notes	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 9,680 00
From Future Revenue		
Amount Necessary to Retire Bonds		
From Future Revenue	115,100.00	131,600.00
Sinking Fund for Retirement of		
School Bonds of 1951	22 645.00	
TOTAL—DEBT FUND	<u>\$141,945.00</u>	<u>\$141,280.00</u>

TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS		
Investments	\$ 357.33	\$ 336.59
TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$ 357.33</u>	<u>\$ 336.59</u>

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF WELLS

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

Dec. 31, 1954 - Dec. 31, 1953

GENERAL FUND

LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable—Schedule 4	\$ 24,397.28	\$ 10,589.15
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 24,397.28</u>	<u>\$ 10,589.15</u>
RESERVES		
Reserves For Authorized Expenditures— Exhibit D	53,000.31	43,797.73
Total Reserves	<u>\$ 53,000.31</u>	<u>\$ 43,797.73</u>
SURPLUS		
Unappropriated—Exhibit C	28,790.15	14,696.63
TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	<u>\$106,187.74</u>	<u>\$ 69,083.51</u>

DEBT FUND

LIABILITIES		
Notes Payable—Schedule 5	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 9,680.00
Bonds Payable—Schedule 6	115,100.00	131,600.00
Reserve For Sinking Fund for Retirement of 1951 Bonds	22,645.00	
TOTAL—DEBT FUND	<u>\$141,945.00</u>	<u>\$141,280.00</u>

TRUST FUNDS

LIABILITIES		
Principal	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Unexpended Income	57.33	36.59
TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$ 357.33</u>	<u>\$ 336.59</u>

EXHIBIT B

TOWN OF WELLS
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1954

CASH BALANCE—January 1, 1954 \$ 40,022.15

RECEIPTS:

Property and Poll Taxes:

Current Year	\$322,371.93
Prior Years	14,576.23

\$336,948.16

Tax Liens

3,576.29

Excise Taxes:

1954	18,056.65
1955	2,653.90

20,710.55

Departmental:

Administration	2,389.36
Protection	483.15
Health	659.65
Highways	8,991.66
Charities	495.35
Education	34,223.64
Recreation	110.65
Interest	1,255.66
Insurance	741.10
Shade Trees	56.75

\$ 49,406.97

Other Receipts:

Tax Anticipation Notes—

Contra	250,000.00
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Trust Fund Income	26.40
Tax Acquired	
Property Sales	279.81
Withholding Taxes	13,977.80
Teachers Retirement	4,194.65
Social Security Taxes	978.41
Group Insurance	494.10

269,951.17

TOTAL RECEIPTS

680,593.14

TOTAL AVAILABLE

720,615.29

DISBURSEMENTS:

Departmental Operating

Accounts	396,357.30
Tax Anticipation Notes—	
Contra	250,000.00
Withholding Taxes	15,308.57
Teachers Retirement	4,194.65
Social Security Taxes	1,093.56
Group Insurance	485.64

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

667,439.72

CASH BALANCE—DECEMBER 31, 1954

\$ 53,175.57

EXHIBIT C**STATEMENT OF CHANGES
IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS**

Year Ended December 31, 1954

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS—

JANUARY 1, 1954

\$ 14,696.63**INCREASE:**

Excise Taxes Unapplied	\$ 6,818.39
Supplemental Taxes	848.74
Profit on Sale of Tax Acquired Property	279.81
Dividends Received on Bank Stock	26.40
Overpayment of 1953 Liens	.38
Departmental Balances Lapsed—Exhibit D	
Unexpended	\$ 9,152.30
Overdrafts	2,745.85

6,406.45**TOTAL INCREASE**

14,380.17**DECREASE:**

Accounts Receivable	
Written Off - 1949	\$ 80.50
- 1952	85.90
- 1953	87.55
Refund of Poll Tax	
Paid Twice in 1953	3.00
Adjustment of 1954 Taxes	29.70

Total Decrease

286.65

Net Increase

14,093.52**Unappropriated Surplus—December 31, 1954****\$ 28,790.15**

TOWN OF WELLS
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
Year Ended December 31, 1954

	Appro- piation	Balances and Other Credits	Total Available	Total Expen- ditures	Balances Over- draft	Lapsed Unex- pend	Balances Forward to 1955
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:							
Administration,	\$ 18,302.22	\$ 1,385.10	\$ 19,687.32	\$ 17,974.11			\$ 1,713.21
Town hall building,	2,000.00	1,670.17	3,670.17	3,560.78		\$ 109.39	
	20,302.22	3,055.27	23,357.49	21,534.89		109.39	1,713.21
PROTECTION:							
Police,	5,343.00	39.94	5,382.94	5,548.01	\$ 165.07		
Fire fighting,	3,000.00	327.45	3,327.45	1,222.72			2,104.73
Hydrant rental,	3,591.44	340.73	3,932.17	4,053.00	120.83		
High Pine fire department,	600.00	360.64	960.64	693.33			267.31
Wells Beach fire department,	3,520.00	276.65	3,796.65	3,741.05			55.60
Wells Corner hose company,	2,500.00	46.30	2,546.30	2,455.19			91.11
New fire truck,	9,500.00		9,500.00	8,356.53		1,143.47	
Street and traffic lights,	5,185.00	36.00	5,221.00	5,264.17	43.17		
Life saving boat,	200.00		200.00	170.80		29.20	
	33,439.44	1,427.71	34,867.15	31,504.80	329.07	1,172.67	2,518.75
HEALTH AND SANITATION:							
Nurse,	3,835.00		3,835.00	4,221.61	386.61		
Health officers' supplies,	50.00		50.00	45.00		5.00	

	Appropriation	Balances and Other Credits	Total Available	Total Expenditures	Balances Overdraft	Balances Lapsed Unexpended	Balances Forward to 1955
Street and beach cleaning, Dump,	1,500.00 1,000.00 6,385.00	7.28 7.28	1,507.28 1,000.00 6,392.28	954.05 871.09 6,091.75	 386.61	553.23 128.91 687.14	
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:							
Regular crew salaries,	12,000.00	664.94	12,664.94	12,581.54		83.40	
Summer maintenance, Tar,	10,000.00 8,000.00	2,432.88 240.00	12,432.88 8,240.00	8,665.80 4,268.29			3,767.08 3,971.71
Winter maintenance, Equipment,		13,157.72 11,117.96	13,157.72 11,117.96	13,157.72 7,280.16			3,837.80
Town road improvement, State aid construction, Sidewalks,	2,932.00 500.00 700.00	7,961.41 2,111.56 584.36	7,961.41 5,043.56 1,084.36	7,961.41			5,043.56 1,084.36 1,579.08
Sea wall construction,	34,132.00	879.08	1,579.08				
		39,149.91	73,281.91	53,914.92		83.40	19,283.59
CHARITIES:							
Town poor, State poor, Other towns' poor, Aid to dependent children,	14,000.00 1,200.00 15,200.00	530.60 680.53 4.75	14,530.60 680.53 4.75 1,200.00	9,884.79 680.53 843.30		4.75 356.70 361.45	4,645.81
		1,215.88	16,415.88	11,408.62			
EDUCATION:							
School maintenance,	101,945.00	52,650.41	154,595.41	140,357.84			14,237.57

Appropriation	Balances and Other Credits	Total Available	Total Expenditures	Balances Overdraft	Balances Lapsed Unexpended	Balances Forward to 1955
Repairs,	4,000.00	161.81	4,161.81	4,038.26		123.55
	105,945.00	52,812.22	158,757.22	144,396.10		14,361.12

RECREATION:

Toilets at Wells Beach,	1,000.00	110.65	1,110.65	943.45	167.20	
Toilets at Moody Beach,		257.28	257.28	250.68	6.60	
Athletic field,	8,000.00	4,529.10	12,529.10	9,155.57		3,373.53
Life saving,	1,700.00	14.80	1,714.80	1,337.85	376.95	
Publicity,	2,100.00		2,100.00	1,925.00	175.00	
Memorial Day,	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Shade trees,		1,319.32	1,319.32	413.75		905.57
Maine Publicity Bureau,	200.00		200.00	200.00		
	13,200.00	6,231.15	19,431.15	14,426.30	725.75	4,279.10

UNCLASSIFIED:

Harbor committee,	100.00		100.00			100.00
Insurance,	3,118.99	1,832.17	4,951.16	5,431.29	480.13	
Buffam's Hill Cemetery,		960.00	960.00			960.00
Ocean View Cemetery,	400.00		400.00	400.00		
Abatements,	1,000.00	16.32	1,016.32	2,276.65	1,260.33	
Tax discounts,	2,400.00	4.12	2,404.12	2,693.83	289.71	
Civil defense,		261.39	261.39	122.66		138.73
Town garage,		5,000.00	5,000.00			5,000.00
Fishermans' slip,		300.00	300.00		300.00	
F. L. McFee,	112.00		112.00	112.00		

Ogunquit Village Corporation,	87,403.01	1,107.52	88,510.53	88,510.53		
	94,534.00	9,481.52	104,015.52	99,546.96	2,030.17	300.00 6,198.73
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:						
Debt and interest,						
Interest,	25,622.42	1,042.94	26,665.36	26,317.65		347.71
		1,042.94	1,042.94	1,042.94		
	25,622.42	2,085.88	27,708.30	27,360.59		347.71
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:						
County tax,	8,336.54		8,336.54	8,336.54		
Overlay,	5,364.79		5,364.79			5,364.79
	13,701.33		13,701.33	8,336.54		5,364.79
Total all departments,	\$362,461.41	\$115,466.82	\$477,928.23	\$418,521.47	\$2,745.85	\$9,152.30 \$53,000.31

EXHIBIT E

TOWN OF WELLS 1954 VALUATION ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION

	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total
VALUATION:			
Resident	\$ 5,543,660.00	\$319,560.00	\$ 5,863,220.00
Non-Resident	4,741,180.00	288,370.00	5,029,550.00
Total Valuation	\$10,284,840.00	\$607,930.00	\$10,892,770.00

ASSESSMENT:

Valuation x Rate \$10, 892, 770.00 x . 033 \$359,461.41
1,000 Polls @ \$3.00 3,000.00

Tax Commitment 362,461.41
Supplemental Taxes 731.70

TOTAL ASSESSMENT CHARGED TO COLLECTOR \$363,193.11

COLLECTION:

Cash- Collections \$322,371.93
Payment by Material 8.40
Abatements 1,907.25
Discounts Allowed 2,671.17
Rebates (Overpayments) 29.62
TOTAL CREDITED TO COLLECTOR \$326,988.37

1954 TAXES RECEIVABLE—DECEMBER 31, 1954 \$ 36,204.74

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

TAX COMMITMENT REQUIREMENTS: \$362,461.41

Appropriations \$348,760.08
County Tax 8,336.54
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS \$357,096.62
OVERLAY \$ 5,364.79

SCHEDULE 1 TOWN OF WELLS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

December 31, 1954

State of Maine:

State Poor	\$ 336.47
Town Road Improvement Fund	7,961.41
Hurricane Damage Repair Fund	1,187.96

\$ 9,485.84
323.84

Town of Kennebunk
Equipment Rentals:

1952:

Howard True	\$ 52.00
Jerry Mack	6.00
John Rasza	118.96
Clifford Allen	36.00
Antonio Matte ¹	16.00
Ansel Stevens	7.68

\$ 236.64

1953:

Kenneth Littlefield	\$ 12.00
Richard Boyce	13.50
Arthur Reed	24.00
Ray Moody	128.00

\$ 177.50

1954:

Clifford Allen	\$ 4.00
Ogunquit Village Corporation	13.51

17.51

TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

\$ 10,241.33

SCHEDULE 2

TOWN OF WELLS

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

December 31, 1954

Year	Taxes	Tax Liens
1954	\$ 36,204.74	
1953	666.37	\$ 1,881.93
1952	348.32	1,330.90
1951	35.00	1,153.80
1950	114.27	53.85
1949	-	211.66
1948	-	57.85
1947	-	82.23
1946	-	61.71
1945	-	67.75
1944	-	30.42
1948	-	57.75

	\$ 37,368.70	\$ 4,937.72
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Less: Reserve For Uncollectable		305.58
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TOTALS	\$ 37,368.70	\$ 4,632.14
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SCHEDULE 3

INVESTMENTS

December 31, 1954

Stock Community Trust Company 22 shares @ \$35.00	\$	770.00
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SCHEDULE 4

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

December 31, 1954

District Director of Internal Revenue:

Withholding Tax Deductions	\$ 4,081.10	
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Accrued Social Security Taxes	217.79	
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\$ 4,298.89

Ogunquit Village Corporation:

Unpaid Portion of 1954 Appropriation	\$ 18,403.01	
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Balance of Proportionate Share of Excise Taxes	1,107.52	19,510.53
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Other:

Craftsman Insurance Company	\$ 8.46	
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Fire Station accounts	579.40	
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587.86

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 24,397.28	
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SCHEDULE 5

Town Debt

Purpose	Date of Issue	Rate	Maturity	Amount
Community Trust Company: Athletic Field Note No. 2	1922 1935	5 31/4 %	9-1-55	\$ 4,200.00
TOTAL NOTES PAYABLE				<u>4,200.00</u>

SCHEDULE 6

BONDS PAYABLE

Purpose	Date of Issue	Rate	Maturity	Original Issue	Amount Outstanding
Refunding High School	1922 1935	5 31/4 %	\$ 500.00 annually 2,000.00 annually to 1959 and 1,000.00 in 1960	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
School Improvement	1940	2 %	\$ 2,000.00 in 1954 and \$ 600.00 in 1955	47,500.00 28,600.00	11,500.00 600.00
School	1951	2 %	\$ 12,000.00 1954-1957 \$ 13,000.00 1958-1962	125,000.00	101,000.00
TOTAL BONDS PAYABLE					\$115,100.00

SCHEDULE 7
TOWN OF WELLS
DETAIL OF 1952, 1951 AND 1950
TAXES RECEIVABLE

December 31, 1954

	1952	1951	1950
Andrews,, Robert W.	\$ 3.00	\$	\$
Bayside Petroleum Co.	25.60		
Bernard, Gilbert	3.00		
Bernard,, Alvah	9.60		
Brosnan, Martin	3.00		
Bshara, Abraham	8.00		
Chadbourne, Harris	3.00		
Chafee, Benjamin	3.00		
Chaloux, Alphonse	3.00		
Coggeshall, Herbert	3.00		
Day, Gerald	3.00		
Day, Robert	3.00		
Elwell, James	3.00		
Fenderson, Archie & Sarah	3.84		
Fortune, Edward	3.00		
Gray, Oscar, Elliott & Grace	24.64		
Goodrich, Homer	3.00		
Hall, Vernon & Florence	3.00		
Hampe, Henry C.			11.55
Hilton, Evelyn & Roland	3.00		
Hilton, Harold A. Sr.	4.16		8.47
Hilton, Arthur	3.00		
Hubbard, Joseph	3.00		
Krewchuck, Alexander	3.00		
Lakeman, Fred	3.00		
Littlefield, Philip	3.00	3.00	
Mathews, Wesley F.	7.68		
Rasza, John	172.80		
Trafton, Charles	3.00		
True, Howard	32.00	32.00	77.00
Woodman, Harold			17.25
Totals	\$ 348.32	\$ 35.00	\$ 114.27

	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943
Downs, Edith,	27.52	14.32									
Ducharme, John and Marion,	117.44										
Duford, Roland,			20.16								
Elwell, James,		13.44									
Farrar, William J.,	1.60										
Flanders, Mercy,			10.56								
Fillion, Theodore,		102.72									
Fuller, Marshall,	48.96										
Galusha, Corydon,	5.12										
Goodwin, Heirs, Robert,		23.04									
Gray, Elliott and Grace,	149.76	121.28									
Gray, Roland,		34.24	13.08								
Gregoire, Wilfred,		3.20									
Griffith, Walter,			16.00								
Hanson, Willis,		30.08									
Harriman, Warren,		15.36	23.04								
Hartwell, Tessie and James Ryan,	6.40	6.40	6.40								
Hill, Martha,	7.68	7.68	7.68	8.86	9.78						
Hilton, Albert,	1.60										
Hilton, Evelyn Hanson,					46.75		35.75	28.05			
Hilton, Heirs, George,	2.84	37.12									
Hilton, Roland and Evelyn,		35.84									
Hubbard, Heirs, Casper,		25.84									
Hubbard, Heirs, Everett,	13.76										
Hubbard, Wallace and Hazel,	51.20	26.20									
Hutchins, Ivan,	8.66	5.76	5.76								

	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943
Johnson, Michael,		16.00									
Jones, Mary L. and W. B. Russell,	19.52	19.52									
Kimball, Oliver,	49.28										
Knight, Heirs, Herman A.,	10.56	10.56									
Littlefield, Heirs, E. L.,										\$30.42	
Littlefield, Ethel and Nancy,											
Littlefield, Rodney J. M.,											
Littlefield, Roland,	79.16	73.60	7.04								
Litchfield, Duane,		25.60	73.44								
MacLeod, Alex and Jessie,		16.68						29.83	29.25		
Marsters, Blanche,											
Mathews, Carrol E.,	58.24										
Mathews, Wesley F.,	83.20	83.20									\$5.72
Miller, Austin,		5.44	5.44								
Miller, Barbara S.,		2.14									
Murray, Susan,			91.20								
Norman, Elizabeth,	66.24	36.24									
Perkins, Bert and Barbara,		33.92									
Perkins, Roy M.,	109.76		109.76								
Perkins, Vern,	3.20	3.20									
Phillips, Helen,	10.88	10.88									
Pichette, Nellie,		53.76									
Pierce, Herman,	6.52	3.52	3.52								
Pike, Mrs. Fred,	9.60										
Prescott, Robert and Marjorie,			246.56								
Reed, George and Muriel,			123.04								

	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943
Rich, James E.,	29.68										
Rollins, Heirs, Sarah,	70.40										
Roosa, Charles and Lucille,			17.04								
Rouleau, Archie,				4.62	5.10						
Searles, Claude and Theresa,	14.72	12.16									
Searles, John P. and Isabella,	15.36										
Seavey, Herbert A.,			22.72								
Shaw, George A.,	24.32	24.32									
Sherman, James,	16.00										
Silver, Charles,	1.60	1.60	1.60								
Smith, Arthur,		27.52									
Smith, Colley and Gladys,	15.60										
Soule, George,	40.96										
Stevens, Richmond,	9.92	9.92	9.92								
Stickney, Myron,	30.08	30.08	46.24								
Strickland, James,	20.28	10.28	17.28								
Towns, Theodore,	16.00										
Tuberville, Dona,		75.68									
Tufts, Charles D.,	109.76		105.12								
Tufts, Samuel,		16.96									
Welch, Wade,					34.53						
Whitehouse, Arnold,	70.40										
Wilson, M. R., and Son,			81.76								
Wolfe, William E.,	7.04			23.87							
Woodman, Kirkland, Sr.,	55.68										
Wormwood, Percy,			12.64								

Worthing, Robert D.,	16.96	
York, Harry B.,		23.68
Totals,	\$1,881.93 \$1,330.90 \$1,153.80 \$53.85 \$211.66 \$57.75 \$82.23 \$61.71 \$67.75 \$30.42 \$5.72	

1954 TAXES RECEIVABLE

DECEMBER 31, 1954

WELLS RESIDENT

Abenroth, Frank \$	98.01	*Campbell, Kenneth	26.40
Allen, Hrs. John (c/o		Campbell, William	
Richard Allen)	10.56	H.	34.65
Allen, Richard	32.04	Card, Gertrude	70.95
*Arsenault, Albert J.	100.32	Carnegie, Laura	3.30
Averill, Herman	6.30	*Chadbourne, Nancy	12.54
Barrows, Edward &		Chaloux, Roland	29.04
Olive	11.88	Chase, Daniel &	
Belanger, Carolyn	5.94	Elsie	34.98
Belanger,, Elmont	38.94	Cheney, Leeman &	
Bennett, Lucy	16.17	Barbara	27.06
Beyea, Elmer	63.36	Clarrage, Charles R.	23.89
*Beyea, Robert	40.26	Clarrage, Charles &	
*Blakely, Marie B.	286.44	Merrill	14.19
Boston, Myrtle	5.94	Clarrage, Merrill	90.42
Boston, Hrs. Ralph	55.77	Clarrage, Nellie	32.01
Boucher, Mack	13.20	Conroy, Beatrice	
*Bridges, Ellsworth	40.92	M.	135.63
Bridges, Etta	34.32	*Copeland, Everett	200.00
Bridges, Gordon &		Card, William Sr.	3.00
Florence	76.89	Chadbourne, Donald	3.00
Bridges, Leon R.	21.12	Carson, Edward R.	3.00
Bridges, Paul &		Chaloux, Alphonse	3.00
Frances	45.21	Chase, Maurice	6.30
Bucklin, Roger &		*Colson, Frank	3.00
Camela C.	51.13	Cotter, John E.	3.00
*Burgess, Donald	60.39	Cousins, Arthur	3.30
Bland, Raymond E.	3.00	*Coombs, Roland	29.40
Boston, Arthur	3.00	Denby, Annie	
Boyce, Fred	3.30	O.	164.25
Brennan, Robert	3.00	*Downs, Edith	28.38
*Bridges, Elmer	3.00	Ducharme, John &	
Bridges, Harold	3.30	Marion	146.19
Bridges, Lester	3.30	Dufort, Roland	24.09
Bridges, Lindley	3.30	Dunn, Bernard &	
Bridges, Robert E.	3.30	Katherine	195.06
Bryant, Alton	5.61	Dyne, Fred &	
Boston, Oscar	3.00	Lena	20.92
Buckley, Ralph	3.30	Ducharme, Robert	3.00
Cady, Robert	4.26	Dorge, Minnie	3.30
		Elwell, James W.	13.86
		Emery, Albert	34.32

*Eppich, Francis A.	6.30	Hilton, Roland & Evelyn	41.28
Fenderson, Archie & Sarah	284.13	*Hilton, Hrs. George (Hazel Hilton)	2.92
Fenderson, Thomas W.	71.28	Hilton, Harold & Elizabeth	37.62
*Fitch, Joseph H.	73.59	Hilton, Harold Sr.	43.56
Flanders, Walter & Mercy	10.89	*Hilton, Hartley	18.63
Ford, Louis	26.73	*Hilton, Viola	260.37
Freeland, Roy & Maude	59.40	Holden, Edward	57.42
Freeland, Stanley	3.00	Howard, Richard & Ella	90.42
Gagnon, Alfred	86.13	Hubbard, Hrs. Casper	36.96
*Goodale, Raymond Jr.	5.28	Hubbard, Eugene	21.78
Goodale, Roy	55.77	Hubbard, Hrs. Everett (c/o Gordon Hubbard)	26.07
Goodwin, Fred & June	87.81	Hubbard, Hrs. Everett c/o Norman Hubbard)	14.19
*Grant, Lloyd	88.77	Hubbard, Russell & Elizabeth	72.60
Gray, Marguerite	42.57	Hubbard Vernon & Teresa	38.54
Gray, Oscar & Grace	157.82	Hutchins, Ivan	12.24
†Gray, Roland & Mary	38.31	Hutchins, Lucille A.	143.88
Gregoire, Albert W. & Virginia M.	12.21	Hanson, Donald	3.30
Gregoire, Wilfred	3.30	Hanson, Thaddius	16.50
Goupil, Joseph	3.00	Harriman, Woodrow	3.00
Grant, Francis	3.00	Hatch, Harry	3.00
*Hall, Everett	69.33	Hayes, Harold	3.00
Hanson, Ruth	15.84	Hayes, Richard	3.00
Hartsgrove, Burton & Dorothy	26.43	Hayes, William	3.00
†Hatch, C. Wilmont & Cecelia J.	108.93	Hilton, Arthur	3.00
Boston, Florence & Willis, Emma (& Nelson Hatch)	19.47	*Hilton, Fred	3.00
Hayes, Myrtle & Walter	29.70	Hilton, Harry	3.00
Higgins, Frank & Patricia	279.84	Holman, Hermon Jr.	6.50
Hill, Martha	7.92	*Hubbard, Gordon	3.00
Hill, William D.	32.34	Hubbard, Joseph	3.00
Hilton, Albert	1.65	Hutchins, Edward Jr.	3.00
*Hilton, Allen	60.39	Hynes, Alfred	3.30
		Hanson, Ashton	12.90
		Hayes, Goldie	3.30
		†Ingham, Charles	42.06
		*Kelley, Merrill	57.42
		Kimball, Oliver	50.16

Kimball, Wesley N. & Irene B.	31.68	E.	60.06
King, William & Ruth	50.16	Matthews, Harry P. & Rose M.	103.29
Knight, Herbert	4.95	*Matthews, Wesley	96.03
Knight, Hrs. Hermon (c/o D. Morieen)	10.89	Mealey, Raymond, Richard, Eileen & Madeline	168.63
Knight, Herbert	3.00	Miller, Austin	5.61
*LaBree, Raymond	9.83	Morawa, Hugo	105.27
LaHoux, Rene & Ruth	145.86	Morrill, Frank & Ruth	97.01
†Langell, James L.	50.49	Moulton, Merton C.	81.51
*LaPierre, Albeo & Elaine	283.14	Murray, Raymond & Sarah	60.39
Lauze, Ralph A.	82.83	Main, Robert	3.00
†Lawrence, Frank C.	20.49	Marstons, Francis	3.00
†Lincoln, Frank	37.32	Mealey, Raymond	3.30
†Litchfield, Duane	152.16	McLaughlin, Thomas	3.00
Littlefield, Everett	81.18	McNuge, Lawrence	3.00
Littlefield, George W.	16.86	Mellon, Roland	3.00
Littlefield, Harry S.	393.69	Moody, Donald	3.00
*Littlefield, Hattie I.	182.82	Moore, Joseph	3.00
Littlefield, Hrs. Herbert & Barker, Hrs. John	43.23	Morse, Warren E.	3.00
*Littlefield, Iola & Chase, Barbara	191.40	*Morgan, LeRoy	6.30
Littlefield, Kenneth & Barbara	6.60	†Newhall, Bernard & La-Rose, Shirley	48.87
Littlefield, Roland E.	75.90	Newhall, Ernest	4.95
Littlefield, Walter P.	77.55	Norman, Elizabeth	68.31
LaBrun, Gerald	4.29	Oliver, Perry & Marion	108.24
Lakeman, Fred	3.00	O'Donnell, John	3.00
Litchfield, Norman	3.00	Paradis, Desire	276.54
Littlefield, Edwin	11.55	Parker, Carleton G.	16.50
Littlefield, Harry S. Jr.	3.00	*Parker, Hrs. Ralph	293.70
Littlefield, Phillip	3.00	Perkins, Merton & Margaret	4.29
Litchfield, Eleanor	3.30	Perkins, Roy M.	113.19
†MacLeod, Alex & Jessie	30.72	Perkins, Wilbur & Ethel	29.01
McCarn, Hazel	14.52	Pierce, Herman	6.63
*McCullough, William J.	603.55	Pike, Mrs. Fred	9.90
Matthews, Carroll		Prescott, Robert & Marjorie	250.47
		Patrick, Lewis	3.00
		Perkins, Bert	3.30

Pike, Carl	3.00	Stickney, Richard	6.30
†Robinson, Hrs. Leona & Shorey, Rosa (c/o Walter Hatch)	204.87	Shute, Freddie	3.00
Ross, Ernest & Laura	9.90	Tebbetts, H, Aromine (c/o Leslie Tebbetts)	66.66
Randall, Harry	3.00	Townes, Theodore	19.80
Randall Harvey	6.30	Trafton, Maude	40.92
Reed, Hermon	3.00	Tufts, Charles W. Sr.	116.49
Roberts, Clarence	3.00	†Tufts, Samuel	29.40
Rogers, Robert	3.00	Thorpe, Harold	3.00
Roukie, Raymond J.	6.30	Towns, Frank	3.30
Searles, Claude & Theresa	18.18	Trafton, Charles Jr.	3.00
†Searles, John & Isabella	18.84	Trafton, Charles Sr.	3.00
Sevigney, William	4.95	Walker, Florence M.	124.41
Shackford, Fred & Margaret	35.97	†Webster, Edith	7.44
Shapleigh, Ethel R.	364.98	Weeden, Ralph & Catherine	115.53
Shaw, George A.	28.08	Welch, Hrs. Reginald	107.91
Silver, Charles	1.65	Wells, Rodney	59.51
Smith, Joseph	21.78	West, James & Tilton, Eleanor & West, Randolph	3.30
Smith, Colby K. & Gladys	70.95	White, James & Anne M.	127.38
Smith, Robert & Beulah	98.53	*Wildes, Foster S. & Eleanor	56.79
*Stadig, Sadie & Clinton	93.06	Wolfe, William E.	10.26
*Stevens, Ansel	42.24	Woodman, Kirtland Jr.	19.80
*Stevens, Lester & George	1.65	Woodman, Kirtland Sr.	68.67
*Stevens, Nella B.	100.32	*Woodworth,, Charles & Ruth	173.58
Stevens, Richmond	10.23	Worthing, Robert B.	20.49
Stott, Verna	325.71	*Welch, George	3.00
Strickland, Irving W.	69.63	Welch, Roy	28.05
Strickland, James	20.82	*West, Elva	3.00
Sampson, Victor	3.00	Whiting, F. Allen	3.00
Searles, John	3.00	Woods, Clyde	3.00
Searles, Phillip	3.00	Woodard, Guy	3.30
Shackford, Roland	3.00	Theolbald, Richard	3.00
Stacy, Vernon	3.00	Wood, I. Winnifred	3.00
Stearnes, Carl E.	3.00	Kern, Michael	3.00
*Stevens, Clifton	3.00		

Bennett, Harry T.	3.00	Cunnifee, John L.	50.82
McCarn, Hazel	3.30	D'Antillio, Arie &	
Newhall, Raymond	5.28	Mary	103.95
Brackett, George	3.30	*Dagan, Wilfred	33.00
Tufts, Samuel	3.30	Dixon, Fred &	
Shaw, George A.	3.30	Alto	49.50

WELLS NON-RESIDENT

Allen, Arthur J.	1.98	Downey, Mathew J. &	
Allen, Curtis	2.31	Myrtle	146.85
Amback, Harold	8.91	Dube, Hrs. Cleophas	20.46
*Balfe, Mrs. Lewis	69.30	*Dutch, Bradford	2.31
Begin, Bensit &		Edmonds, Beth C.	47.19
Dolores	6.60	Emerson, John A.	13.53
Belanger, Helen	26.40	Filion, Theodore W.	105.93
Belanger, Homer	30.36	Fisher,, Frank &	
*Belanger, Oscar	25.41	Urbina	94.05
Bernard, Alvah	66.00	*Fortier, Leo	39.60
Boston, Oscar, Clarence &		Fredrickson,	1.65
Charles	82.17	*Furbish, Wesley J.	42.90
Bois, Raymond &		Gavin, Francis &	
Gertrude	27.39	Grace	32.01
Brewer, Scott &		Genest, Gerard &	
Clara	5.61	Gertrude	263.01
*Chadbourne, Cecil &		Gifford, Charles	24.09
Josephine	104.94	*Guay, Francis & Morin,	
Chadbourne, Laura	3.30	Ernest J.	304.26
Cheney, Arthur	32.34	*Guillometter, Yvette	
Chevalier, Aime &		B.	102.30
Rosa	72.27	Hamel, Roland &	
Chiola, Joseph	6.60	Edith	126.98
Chrysetien, Albert	26.40	Hartwell, Tessie	6.60
Cloutier, Leo &		Shirley	214.50
Laura	131.34	*Haskell, Raymond &	
Cobb, Ethelyn &		Hawkins, Paul	5.28
Worcester, Alice	66.66	*Hill, Roger &	
Cooper, Bertha &		Crystal	19.14
Sophie	33.00	*James, Margaret	85.77
Cote, Jean L. &		*James, Margaret &	
Helen M.	42.90	Donald	14.19
Couturier, Celestine	1.00	Johnson, Carl &	
†Coye, Arthur &		Elinore	66.33
Nellie	119.46	Jones, Mary L. &	
*Crediford, John W.		Russell, W. B.	20.13
Jr.	1.65	*Kaplan, Minna	329.34
		Kirkpatrick, John A. &	
		Evelyn	491.37

*Koutroulis, Chrissi	108.24	Rich, James E.	57.42
Lajeunesse, Arthur &		*Riley, James	197.01
Dora	79.20	Rollins, Hrs. Sarah	72.60
Lamson, Blair &		Ryan, Leo	11.55
Lena	105.27	Samuels, Sidney &	
*Levassur, Alfred &		Lorraine	181.50
Adrienne	63.69	Sapareto, Annie M., Lois A.,	
Linscott, Freeman	1.65	& Mary C.	111.21
*Littlefield, Clarence	87.78	*Scribner, John &	
Littlefield, Robert &		Florence	155.76
Dorothy	44.55	Shepard & More Lumber	
Littlefield, Hrs. Truman		Company	82.50
I.	10.89	Simioni, Herbert	1.65
Main, ,Robert F.	6.60	Smith, Arthur W. Jr.	39.60
Maxwell, George &		Snow, Edith C.	28.05
Martha	53.46	*Stevens, Lester Chester	21.45
*McCarthy, Allen &		Stickney, Myron	31.02
Henry	106.92	Stillings, Maurice &	
Melick, Richard &		Doris	463.98
Josephine	165.00	Stone, Thomas	6.60
Meunier, Beatrik	19.47	Sullivan, Joseph &	
Miller, Barbara S.	81.84	Margaret	165.00
Morry, Leonard J.	56.76	Taylor, Harold L. & Helen	
Morse, Arthur L.	9.57	M.	184.14
*Munyon, Chester &		Waterhouse, R. Sidney	73.26
Bertha	6.93	Welch, Mabel	18.15
Murray, Henry &		Wells Beach Casino	
Ruth	60.39	Corporation	1,377.09
Mutual Oil Company	12.54	Whitehouse, Arnold	72.60
O'Brien, Thomas	100.32	*Williams, ,John C.	61.71
Parsons, M. H. &		*Wing, Earl V.	47.98
Sons	17.49	Woodman, Harold &	
*Paulin, Irene	164.67	Emily	74.58
Perkins, Homer &			
Helen	69.30		
Porrell, Louise	9.24		
Prescott, Gordon &			
Ruth	323.73		
Priestly, Florence	39.60		
Proctor, Ray A. &			
Elizabeth	74.91		
*Randall, Forest &			
Harvey	60.39		
*Reed, Gertrude &			
Arthur	119.13		

OGUNQUIT RESIDENT

*Adams, Carroll E.	213.51
*Adams, Carroll E. &	
Ellida	13.53
Arnold, Jose	1.22
Alexander, Anthony	3.00
Allen, Clifford	3.30
Amazeen, Bradford	3.00
Andrews, Robert	3.00
Bernard, Alvah	326.70
*Bracy, Jennie B.	65.80

*Brewster, Elizabeth	114.18	†Mattei, Maria	161.36
Brewster,, Gordon		Mayo, Elizabeth	8.25
E.	214.83	*Montgomery, Harry &	
†Brewster, Gordon &		Jenkins, Lillian	34.32
Margaret	72.27	Murray, Susan	90.75
Brooks, Harry &		Mayo, Charles	3.30
Mary	99.00	Moore, Charles Jr.	3.00
Brown, Ida	122.76	Neil, John	3.00
Brown, William &		Ormsbee, John	3.00
Ida	23.46	Parkhurst, Dorothy	
*Bryant, Athleen F.	18.14	H.	228.03
Balestro, Luigi	36.00	†Perkins, Clifford	
Beaulieu, Rosario	3.00	W.	154.80
Brosman, Martin	3.00	*Perkins, Ernest L.	33.67
*Ciccolo, Rosario &		*Perkins, George &	
Catherine	50.00	Friedl	122.46
Coggeshall, Harold &		*Perkins, Lester	
Mary	20.32	H.	177.21
Cray, Wilmont C.	37.62	Phillips, Grace M.	122.10
Boston, Clayton	3.00	Paul, John L.	3.00
Day, Richard T.	38.94	Poisson, George	3.00
Dixon, Alice P.	12.87	Power, Jeffrey R.	3.00
Dixon, George	25.41	Ramsdell, Clifford	
Dixon, Hrs. Goodale	43.23	Hrs.	106.92
*Dustin, Wilfred	3.00	Regan, Edna	140.25
Ganelas, Constantine	769.89	*Ramsdell, Harold	3.00
Goulding, John	224.76	Shorey, Edna M.	258.72
*Hartwig, Maude	431.64	Smith, George F.	1,254.66
Hayes, Leon	3.30	Soule, George	42.24
Hoe, William	3.00	*Stevens, Lester	
Johnson, Albert &		Chester	110.88
Elsie	32.04	Smalley, Robert	3.00
Johnson, Frank G.	31.35	*Shorey, Morey	3.00
Jones, Charles	3.00	Taylor, ,Sturgis &	
Kirkpatrick, John &		Esther	549.12
Evelyn	206.25	*Tillinghast, Pollyann &	
Kohlman, Eugene	3.00	Robert	81.51
*Lane, John	3.00	Tufts, Mrs. Herbert	
Litchfield, Rebecca	44.22	W.	308.88
Littlefield, C.		Tuatagaloa, Eric	3.00
Herbert	172.56	Walsh, John H.	193.41
Lowe, Richard &		Welch, George &	
Virginia	108.90	Muriel	46.20
Ladd, David	3.00	West, George R.	800.00
Mattei, Antonia	58.11	*Whitlock, Hulda	361.35

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WELLS CORNER HOSE COMPANY

ALLEN STACKHOUSE

HAROLD BRIDGES



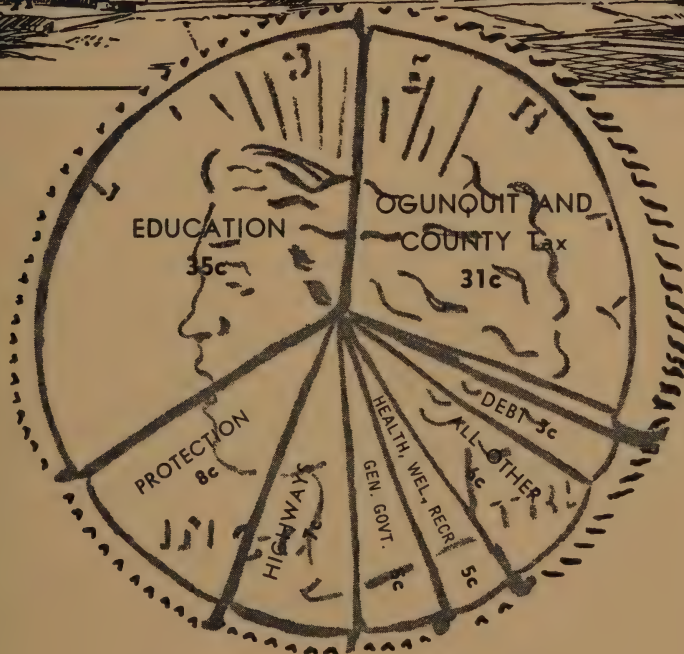
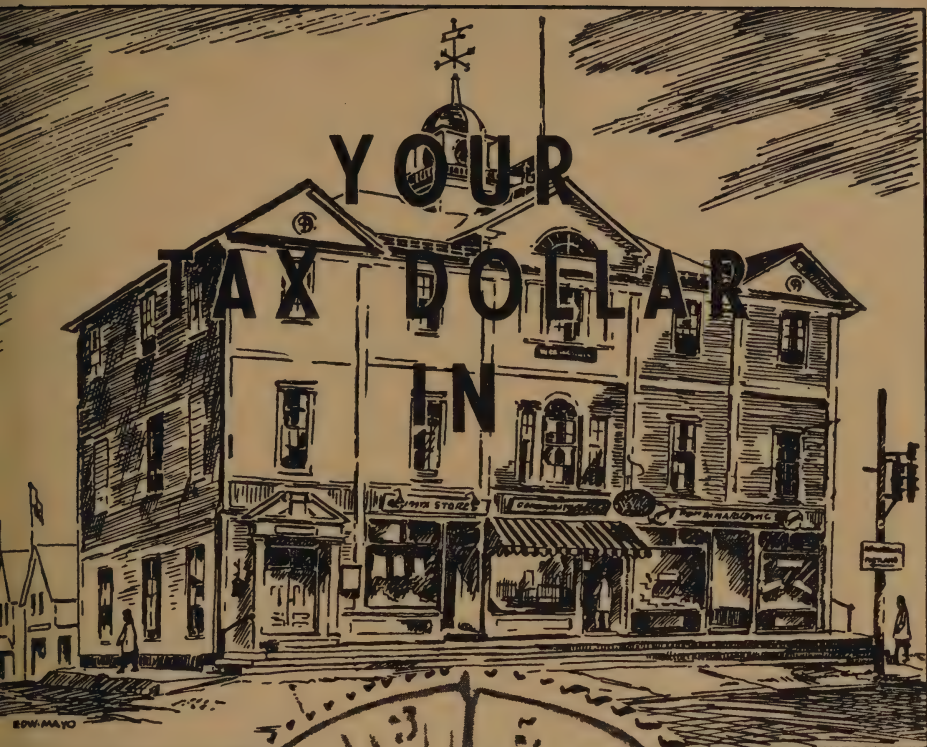
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ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF WELLS, MAINE 1955

TOWN OF WELLS, MAINE

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Fellow Citizens of Wells

The following report is the story in words, in pictures, and in figures of the conduct of your town's affairs in 1955. It seeks to answer in a brief space the question, "where did my tax dollar go?"

It tells the story of the roads and bridges constructed in 1955 and of the police and fire protection given to your property. It tells the story of the aid rendered to your less fortunate fellow citizens, of the schools for your children, and of the health and recreation facilities made available by your tax dollar. It tells the story of a "business" in which you are a stockholder.

Positive and active interest in your town government is a necessary ingredient for the efficient and effective administration of your town's business. Attendance at public meetings, voting in town elections, and the offering of constructive suggestions to improve the operation of town government are all methods by which you may do your part as a stockholder in "Town of Wells, Inc." It is the firm endeavor of your town officials and employees to make progress their most important product.

The past year has confronted the Town with many diversified problems, most of which were dealt with effectively. The year ahead holds the promise of many more which, with your help, may also be solved successfully.

Your town officials, ever mindful of their responsibilities to you as an individual as well as to the Town as a whole, welcome your presence in the several town offices. Whether you have a problem, seek information, or merely wish to bid the time of day, the doors to their offices are always open.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. BOWEN,
Town Manager

RJB/r

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF WELLS, MAINE

An account of town government operations for the fiscal year beginning
January 1, 1955 and ending December 31, 1955

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DEDICATION

The Town of Wells Annual Report of 1955 is respectfully dedicated to the Wells Beach Ambulance Fund and to Captain and Mrs. James Enwoldsen.

Their unceasing efforts to provide the people of the Town of Wells with an ambulance service seldom equalled by larger towns and cities is concrete evidence of their good-citizenship for which the Townspeople of Wells shall be ever grateful.

RECIPE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

1 cup of true and unbiased knowledge

1 cup of concern (not to be confused with worry)

2 tablespoons of self-reliance

1 cup of courage

Blend with competence.

Cover with a firm layer, top and bottom, of independence and balance, and bake at moderate temperature. Watch closely while baking.

Serve with a sauce made of equal parts of integrity, good judgment, intelligence and leadership.

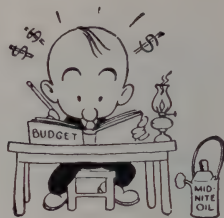
The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

(From the 1951 annual report, Greenwich, Conn.)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN MANAGER

Although Wells may be considered a small town as far as population is concerned, in other respects the town is comparable to a large thriving business. With property assets valued at more than \$11 million, with town expenditures in excess of \$400,000.00 in 1955, and with approximately 3000 taxpaying stockholders, Wells is far from being a small municipal business.



The Board of Selectmen, similar to a board of directors or trustees of a corporation, is vested with the responsibility of determining the operating policies of the Town. Theirs is the responsibility of selecting and supervising the Town Manager who in turn, similar to the executive director of a private business, assumes the responsibility of administering town affairs.

During the past year, the Board of Selectmen met some 40 times with one of their first official acts the selection of Richard J. Bowen as Town Manager. Mr. Bowen, a graduate of Colby College and the University of Pennsylvania and with a background of governmental experience, assumed his duties as Town Manager on March 31, 1955.

The Office of Town Manager carries with it the duty of supervising the administration of police, welfare, tax collection, highway construction and maintenance, and building inspection. Accounting for all town expenditures also comes within the jurisdiction of the manager.



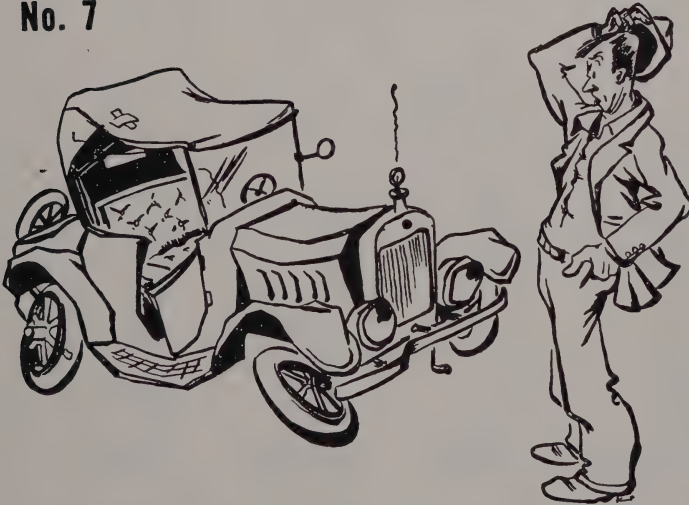
THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The year 1955 has not been an uneventful one. The continued and very real possibility of a harbor in Wells and the "near-miss" of an industry sets 1955 somewhat apart from other years. Renovation of Town Hall space previously occupied by a store to provide sorely needed office room and the repair of the Town Hall steps as well as other building repairs were undertaken in 1955. Nevertheless, a careful review of the past year and of previous years indicates a lack of planning for more than one year at a time.

Our Town Hall Building, the center of municipal activity, has been allowed to fall into a serious state of disrepair. Our town garage can best be described as "better than nothing." The absence of planning to meet the expensive demands of periodic replacement of town highway equipment could be described as "penny wise and pound foolish." Parking facilities at the beach areas are also a postponed problem to

Town Services Are Expensive If Unplanned.

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**YOUR TOWN
WEARS OUT TOO**

be solved only by long-range planning. Although the Town saw fit to enact a legal zoning ordinance in 1949, no revision has been made in it according to sound physical planning principles or to more adequately meet the needs of a growing community.

Is a town service efficient? Is a town service economical? Is a town service adequate? These above all are the questions to be asked by each and every taxpayer. And of the three, the question of adequacy is the most important.

Sound budgeting, a continuity to administration and management, an awareness on the part of the people of Wells of the town's problems and a willingness to participate in the business of finding their solutions are challenges to be met in the year ahead. The year 1956 could well be a year of decision for the people of Wells.

TOWN CLERK

The office of Town Clerk may well be described as the "pulse" of the Town of Wells.

For the fifth consecutive year, resident births recorded by the Town Clerk exceeded recorded resident deaths.



	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Births	57	55	71	59	59
Deaths	36	43	43	58	32

In issuing 897 resident and non-resident fish and game licenses as well as 475 dog licenses and in recording 316 chattel mortgages in 1955, the Town Clerk completed a busy year. The value of the chattel mortgages, conditional sales contracts, agreements and promissory notes recorded by the Town Clerk in 1955 was more than \$625,000.00. The Town Clerk also issued various town licenses worth \$110.70 which was turned over to the town.

Several problems have come to the attention of the Clerk in the past year. There have been and still are many names on the voting list that should be questioned. It would be greatly appreciated by the Town Clerk if everyone would consider it his duty to see that his name is properly spelled and listed. If a person presently listed is no longer a resident, please report this to the Town Clerk.

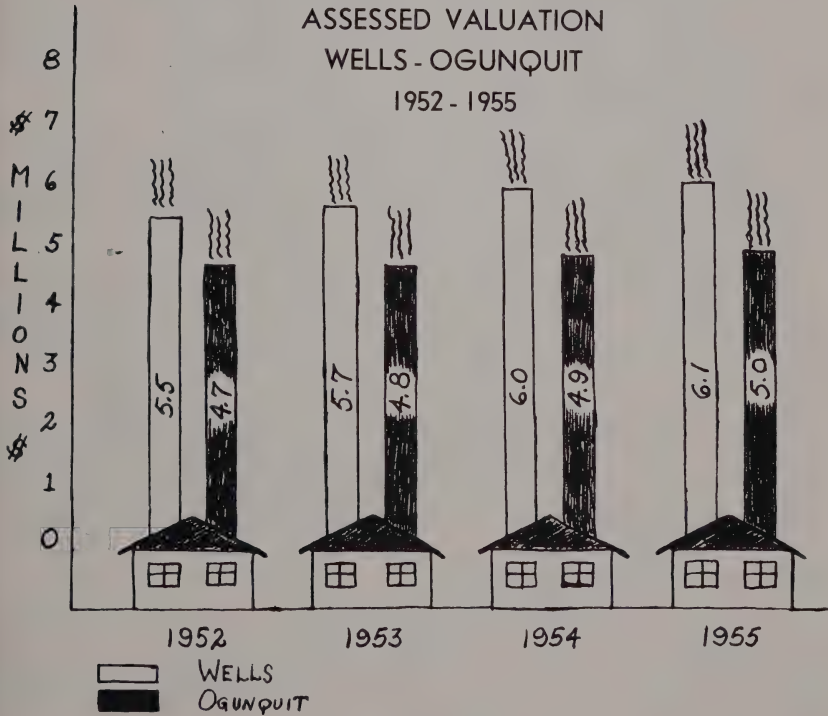
The problem of the storage of town records is an acute one. At the present time, storage space is entirely inadequate. Unless the town is willing to continue the risk of losing these valuable and sometimes irreplaceable records, consideration should be given to providing more secure and enlarged storage space in the immediate future.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors in 1955 examined and appraised over 5000 parcels of property, real and personal, in their attempt to equalize the tax burden.

During the year there were 401 abstracts of conveyances received in our office, which means at least 401 parcels of property changed title; thus necessitating the changing of innumerable boundary lines in the valuation books and field cards.

Owing to the rapid growth of our community, the duties of a full-time assistant became advisable in order that the Board might keep up a modern and accurate recording system thereby making it possible for the public to obtain information at any and all times on title transfers and changes. For the inquirer's convenience three valuation books are now replacing one, listing Wells Resident, Wells Non-Resident, and Ogunquit Village Corporation taxpayers respectively under separate cover.



With the innovation of a full-time assistant the Board has been able to enlarge upon its ever-present "open-door" policy, encouraging taxpayers to come in, discuss their problems, and have their individual assessments simplified for their information. This has apparently been appreciated by resident and non-resident alike judging by the requests received daily by person and via the telephone.

As the result of the Board making every effort to discover all taxable property within their jurisdiction, the 1955 assessment was approximately \$156,000.00 above that of the previous year which in part was responsible for a tax rate of \$29.50 per \$1,000.00 to be arrived at, thus a reduction of 3½ mills under the 1954 tax rate.

An abatement is nothing more or less than a correction of an error made in assessing. Usually it is the correction of an error brought about by lack of full knowledge on the part of the Assessors of all the facts at the time of assessment. All abatements granted by the Board in 1955 were granted after careful study and a hearing on the facts of the case.

The Board is preparing an up-to-date questionnaire to be forwarded to all non-resident taxpayers in 1956 requesting a detailed listing of all taxable property thereby protecting the non-resident taxpayer's rights to appeal to the County Commissioners or courts if the taxpayer's version differs with the local board's assessment.

In our effort to further our education in the field of assessing and keep abreast of modern methods, changes in tax laws, etc., the Board took every opportunity to attend State Assessor's meetings and lectures conducted periodically throughout the area.

The present Board feels that a revised map system would be of considerable benefit to taxpayers and Assessors alike in determining boundaries, and that safer facilities of a fire-proof nature should be provided for the preservation of current valuation books.

In terminating our brief report to the public, the Board of Assessors wishes to emphasize their so-called "open-door" policy to encourage any and all interested persons to come in and talk their assessment problems over. Complete information aids taxpayer and assessor alike.

BUILDING INSPECTION

To the Town Manager in 1955 fell the task of enforcing the Town Zoning Ordinance. In 1955, 34 building permits were issued by him, with 24 of these for houses or cottages. This is a modest indication that Wells is growing at a marked rate.

A zoning ordinance should be based upon a sound plan of community development. In 1951, the Annual Town Meeting voted to create a planning board according to the General Laws of the State of Maine. For unknown reasons, this vote was not implemented through the appointment of its members and the execution of its duties as prescribed by law. A planning board would have had as one of its major responsibilities the development of a plan for the growth of the town. An effective zoning ordinance would be the means by which this guided growth would take place.

Why Shouldn't A Town Just Grow?



PROTECTION

POLICE

Despite unfortunate difficulties in 1955, the Wells Police Department completed a successful year. Logging more than 30,000 miles on the town police cruiser, the Police Department investigated in excess of 100 complaints. A total of 28 arrests were recorded by the department in 1955 with 26 convictions obtained.



Upon request of a group of citizens, the Board of Selectmen voted in September to retain two full-time officers for the Town. This arrangement has meant a more equitable distribution of the work of the department and improved police coverage of the town.

Due to the age of the police cruiser as well as its increased use, a major overhaul of the cruiser was made in 1955. It is hoped that the town will see fit to purchase a new cruiser in 1956 and periodically thereafter.

FIRE

Despite an extremely hot and dry summer season, there were relatively few major fires in 1955. The following reports of the three volunteer companies in Wells describe those fires and calls which were answered.



Highpine Fire Association

Thirty active members reported to alarms in 1955, with an average attendance of seven members at each alarm.

Alarms	Number
Fires started from rubbish barrels	4
House Fires	2
Slash	2
Burning junk car	1
Lightning	1
Chimney	2
Over Non-fire calls	19
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Total	31

Equipment purchased in the past year included: a time clock and controls for the fire alarm, one tire and wheel for the Dodge truck, and a 2500-watt portable generator. The Association received, in addition to its regular town appropriation, \$128.88 from whist parties and \$46.50 from donations.

Wells Corner Hose Company

During the year 1955, the Wells Corner Hose Company answered 60 calls. The breakdown is as follows:

Alarms	Number
House Fires	7
Forest Fires	12
Grass Fires	13
Chimney Fires	3
Town Dump	11
Car and Truck Fires	8
Lost Children	2
False Alarms	4
Total	60

During the past year one major breakdown occurred—a new motor had to be installed in the Chevrolet tank truck.

A paid fireman was on duty during the summer season. The interior of the fire station was painted completely and the equipment was kept in perfect order.

The Company had the misfortune in 1955 to have to move the Company's fire alarm system from Moulton's Store to the Wells Beach Fire Station temporarily at an added and unanticipated expense to the department.

Wells Beach Fire Department

During the year ended December 31, 1955, the Wells Beach Hose Company answered a total of 77 calls as follows:

Alarms	Number
House Fires	16
Automobiles	7
Brush and Grass Fires	28
Miscellaneous	26
(Includes calls for locating lost children, boat calls, inhalator calls, and false alarms)	
Total	77

Fifteen tanks of oxygen were used for heart and drowning cases.

The Chief of the Company, Ernest Crowley, wishes to thank the officers and members of the Wells Beach Hose Company for their spirit of cooperation during his first year as Chief. The Company was fortunate in avoiding any disastrous fires during the past year. The Com-

pany feels that its equipment is in first-class condition, and that the two paid firemen who have been on duty during most of 1955 have done a good job and best served the interests of the town.

Wells Beach Ambulance Fund

During the year ended December 31st, 1955 the Wells Beach Ambulance Fund Department of the Wells Beach Hose Company answered 76 calls including:

- 1 trip to Augusta, Maine
- 8 trips to Boston, Mass.
- 11 trips to Portland, Maine
- 5 trips to Rochester, N. H.
- The balance of the trips were made to local hospitals.

We have indeed been fortunate to have had a new ambulance donated to our company by Capt. and Mrs. James Enwoldsen. The previous equipment that we had broke completely down and had to be junked.

We are presently operating completely independent from the Wells Beach Hose Company as far as town appropriations are concerned, and we are attempting to establish a rate of fees that will maintain expenses and allow us to put a fund aside in order to cover the depreciation of this equipment. We certainly want to express our thanks to Captain and Mrs. Enwoldsen as well as to the drivers who have contributed considerable time and effort to answer emergency calls.

OPERATIONAL REPORT OF WELLS BEACH AMBULANCE FUND

From Start of Operations Thru Period Ended December 31st, 1955

Balance Sheet

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand		\$	234.58
Accounts Receivable—Trade			474.00
Prepaid Expenses—1956 Ins.			339.50
Ambulance and Equipment	\$11,800.00		
Less: Reserve for Dep.	300.00		
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			11,500.00
			<hr/>
TOTAL ASSETS			\$12,548.08

LIABILITIES:	None
CAPITAL:	
Surplus	\$12,548.08
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	\$12,548.08

Profit and Loss

Income:	
Fees (Incl. Acc. Rec.)	\$1,738.42
Other	10.20
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Total Income	\$1,748.62
Expenses:	
Gas and Oil	\$ 344.92
Driver's Salary	71.00
Insurance	355.19
Repairs and Maintenance	264.15
Supplies (Care of Patient)	63.44
Laundry	74.38
Postage and Supplies	43.32
Telephone	17.60
Tolls and Meals—Drivers	10.95
Accounts Receivable Charge off	134.00
Depreciation of Equipment	300.00
Miscellaneous	114.34
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Total Operating Expenses	\$1,793.29
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Net Loss to Date	\$ 44.67

Capital Adjustments (Capital Section)

Donations—Capt. and Mrs. James Enwoldsen	\$13,723.65
Donations—Wells Beach Hose Co.	600.00
Write off of old Ambulance	1,730.90
Net Loss as shown in P/L Statement	44.67
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SURPLUS as shown in Balance Sheet	\$12,548.08

DONALD E. KNOX, Treasurer

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

By most standards the Highway Department completed a most successful year. The following table best describes most of what was done in 1955:

Highway Facts 1955

New Construction	—3 miles
Bridges Constructed	—3
Culverts Installed	—200 feet
Patch Applied	—2,500 yds.
Roads Tarred	—9 miles
Winter Sand	—1,000 yards
Winter Salt	—120 tons

Major new construction in 1955 included:

Mile Road	Hiltons' Lane
Perry Oliver Road	Webhannet Street

The Department tarring program included:

Eldredge Road	Crescent Circle
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Before



After

DeVito Avenue

Hiltons' Lane (2)

Dustin Road

Perry Oliver Road (2)

Stephen Eaton Road

Dixon's Bridge Road

Moody Beach Road

Bridges were constructed or replaced as follows:

Dixon's Bridge (Ogunquit River) Clarridge Bridge (Merriland River)

Hobbs' Farm (Merriland River)

The Dixon and Clarridge Bridges are steel bridges.

Due to the complete collapse of Dixon's Bridge early in the spring, not only was the highway work schedule delayed, but since insufficient funds were set aside for such an occurrence, other projects were cancelled. The new bridge itself is a compliment to the skill and labors of the town highway crew. Since the bridge crosses into Ogunquit, the Village Corporation assumed ½ of the cost of the bridge.

In addition to regular construction, approximately 4,000 yards of gravel were applied to improve various town roads.

During the winter of 1955, in addition to clearing snow from roads, more than 1,000 yards of sand and 120 tons of salt were applied to make driving conditions less hazardous. Two snow plows were also purchased in 1955.

Our equipment account was depleted in 1955 due to our having to spend over \$3,000.00 for the repair of our tractor-loader.

PUBLIC HEALTH

HEALTH OFFICER

The year 1955 had its usual number of communicable disease cases along with a mild outbreak of polio which was handled successfully by serum, Salk Vaccine, and a temporary closing of the school system. Quarantine period was carried out in the proper manner and with everyone's cooperation this was never a real danger to the community.



In addition to the communicable disease problems, the Health Officer had the common number of nuisance complaints such as faulty sewerage systems, unhygienic living conditions and other problems of this nature. All were dealt with in a satisfactory manner.

The local Health Officer has several duties to perform for the state and also for the community as well. The most important of these is the role of local epidemiologist. The local Health Officer must know how many case of communicable diseases are present in the town so that he can act accordingly and attempt to curtail any increase to the point of a possible epidemic. It is requested that all communicable diseases be reported to the Health Officer. If a private physician on the case forgets, as can often happen, the family should call in and report the case.

The people of this locality should feel free to call the office of the Health Officer at any time to discuss any problem that may arise within the town that has to do with spread of disease, unhygienic conditions, sewerage disposal and public nuisance.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Office—Wells High School
Office Hours—Mon. thru Fri.
9-9:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.
Phone Wells 786-R



The Public Health Nursing Service in 1955 completed one of its busiest years. In making more than 1400 home visits for general bedside and nursing care, communicable disease and tuberculosis control, and school health the Public Health Nurse more than discharged her duties successfully. In addition to receiving 104 patients in her office, the nurse assisted the Town Manager in town welfare work by making 722 visits to individuals in the town.

Comparing some figures for 1955 with those of previous years indicates both the scope of the Public Health Nursing service as well as the more effective utilization of the service.

	1955	1954	1953
Baby Clinic			
(Average Attendance)	19	15	6
Immunization Clinics			
(Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria)	602	412	168
School Physicals	286	229	201
Dental Clinics	51	44	44

During the past year, the Public Health Nurse assisted in the administering of 116 Salk polio vaccinations to youngsters of the town. Furthermore, due to an outbreak of polio in the town in 1955, the nurse also aided local physicians in giving gamma globulin shots.

It is the duty and privilege of every citizen of Wells to investigate the objectives and activities of the local and state health departments. Through knowledge, everyone may help Wells to attain the goal of an environment conducive to healthful and intelligent living for all.

WELLS-OGUNQUIT HEALTH ASSOCIATION

20 Years of Service

Founded in May, 1936 by a group of citizens interested in promoting a good public health nursing program, the Wells-Ogunquit Health Association is a non-profit, privately financed service agency. The first officers of this organization were:

Mrs. Elsie Libby, Chairman

Mrs. Eleanor Abendroth, Vice Chairman

Mr. Roby Littlefield, Treasurer

Mrs. Waldo Chick, Secretary

Mr. Lester Kimball, Member at Large

Mrs. Grace Meserve Wormwood, R.N., was the first Public Health Nurse to serve Wells and Ogunquit. The wonderful foundation that she began in the Public Health Field has been ably carried on by Mrs. Susan Fortune, R.N., Mrs. Margaret Grant, R.N., and now Miss Ruby L. Lord, R.N.

The work these women have done has been aided immeasurably by the Health Association.

Basically, the objectives of the Association are to promote health for individual school, family and community, and to prevent disease by teaching the principles of health, hygiene, and sanitation.

The group helps the nurse in volunteer work in clinics, transportation, and in financing projects. These projects are baby clinics, dental clinics, school physical examinations, and within the last year, the Salk Vaccine clinics.

They have aided needy families over the years, paying for such things as tonsilectomies, glasses, dental work (including dentures in some cases), special medicines, and many other important services.

Each case is investigated by the nurse and the Association acts upon her recommendations. The Association has also purchased various nursing supplies and equipment for the nurse's office. The office is modern and well equipped. It has been called the finest Public Health Nursing office in the county. There is equipment for the sick room that the Association has for loan. A few items are wheelchairs, hospital bed, crutches, walker, and other things that the average person would not have in the home if sickness occurred.

The Public Health Nurse in working with the Association renders aid to people according to a schedule of fees, if the individual can afford to pay: For regular bedside care, \$1.25; maternity care of mother and baby, \$1.50; \$1.00 for a hypodermic injection at home, \$.50 for an injection at the nurse's office.

The Association meets every third Thursday of the month and extends an invitation to anyone interested in this program to attend the meetings.

Finances

Receipts:		Expenditures:	
Nurse's fees	\$ 342.77	Nurse's supplies	\$ 131.21
P. T. A. collections	23.91	Physicians' fees	450.00
Membership Drive	652.50	Dental Clinic and	
		dental work	441.00
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	\$1,019.18	Nurse's membership	
		dues, etc.	19.92
		Printing and office	
		supplies	48.63
		Supplies	44.86
		Training for Public	
		Health Nurse	300.00
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			\$1,464.75

CHARITIES

During the past year, less than \$8,000.00 was expended for welfare—less than in any year in the past decade. Approximately 40 cases were handled, with most of these aged or non-employables. Every effort was made in 1955 to find work for persons seeking welfare assistance.

One of the Town's major welfare problems is that of caring for the aged and infirm. Most of these cases are confined to area nursing homes. Such confinement is necessarily expensive both because of the type of care required and because of the length of time which they spend in such homes.

Another major and critical problem is that of holding legally responsible relatives liable for the care of their own kinfolk. This is an extremely difficult thing to enforce due to the inadequacy of town personnel to do the necessary investigation and follow-up work. During the coming year, every effort will be made to hold relatives financially responsible for their own people. This would relieve the Town of a large share of its welfare burden.

Where it was possible in 1955, cases were transferred to other governmental agencies under such programs as Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Disabled and the various veterans' programs.

RECREATION

LIFESAVING

Another year has passed without a drowning or serious water accident in those areas of the beach protected by Town lifeguards. Considering the fact that we have had but three lifeguards, this record is a tribute to their vigilance as well as a good amount of luck. In view of the increasingly popular use of our beaches, it would appear highly advisable that consideration be given to enlarging the size of our lifeguard service and as a result, the area of our beaches afforded this all-important service.

During the past summer season, a token effort was made to have swimming instruction and water safety classes for children conducted by the lifeguards at Wells Beach. Although this program was not advertised widely due to the limitations of time, it met with some success. On the two weekly class-days, there was an average attendance of 10 children.

It is planned during the 1956 summer season to expand this program and to make it a regular part of the Town's recreational services.

PUBLICITY

Publicity for the Town of Wells is undertaken through several channels. The Town rents a billboard located in York, purchases a full-page advertisement in "Maine Invites You" published by the Maine Publicity Bureau, contributes to the Maine Publicity Bureau, and through the Old Wells-by-the-Sea Association, advertises in various newspapers in the United States and Canada.

Advertisements for the Summer of 1955 were carried in the following newspapers:

The Boston Globe	Hartford Courant
Montreal Star (Canada)	Toronto Star (Canada)
Albany Times Union	New York Herald Tribune

In 1955 the Old Wells-by-the-Sea Association also answered more than 1,500 personal inquiries by sending to each person writing for information two folders describing Wells and its attractions. In addition, almost 4,000 folders were sent to information bureaus, automobile clubs and travel agencies all over the United States and Canada. Several hundred folders have been sent as far as Cuba, Ceylon, France, England, South America and Iraq. These folders are printed at the expense of the Association.

In 1952 there were less than 125 members of the Association, while by December 31, 1955 there were more than 300. These members are from all sections of Wells, including Ogunquit, and are both business people and private home owners. All interested persons are cordially invited to join.

The following is a partial statement of the financial operations of the Association in 1955:

Receipts:

Town Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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Expenditures:

Newspaper Advertising	\$1,017.92
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Street Dance	150.00
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New Mats for Newspaper	26.00
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Placards for Dance Advertising—part payment	6.08
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	\$1,200.00
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WELLS HARBOR COMMITTEE

A Harbor in Wells—Fact or Fiction?

Through the continued efforts of the Wells Harbor Committee, the Town of Wells took another step closer toward the realization of a harbor project in Wells.

On Thursday, September 1st, 1955, at the Wells High School a public hearing in connection with a proposed harbor project was conducted by Lt. Col. Miles L. Wachendorf, of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. More than 200 persons attended this hearing at which no opposition to the harbor was expressed. Representative Robert Hale was present at this hearing.

As a consequence of this hearing the Corps of Engineers undertook a preliminary engineering survey of the proposed harbor area. Their report will be rendered to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Washington, D. C. in the Spring of 1956. Upon the favorable or unfavorable recommendations of the Engineers hangs the fate of the harbor.

The Committee has had close and cooperative contacts with Rep. Hale and Senators Margaret Chase Smith and Frederick Payne both before and since the hearing.

An article is being inserted in the 1956 Town Warrant calling upon the townspeople of Wells to act upon a resolution favorable to town financial participation. It will in no way involve the raising of town funds but would be an indication that if the Federal Government were willing to participate financially in the construction of a harbor, so would or might the town.

Harbor Committee members are as follows:

Paul Whitin, Jr., Chairman

Walter E. Hatch

Ernest Gallant

George C. Lord

Philip J. Foster

Philip W. Hussey, Sr.

William Lessard

THE WELLS CLAM FLATS

Many of the Town's older residents can undoubtedly recall the years when clamming was a thriving industry in the Town. As many of us are all too well aware, clams are at a premium in the flats. The following letter from the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries indicates some of the work being done to increase our clam population:

State of Maine
DEPARTMENT OF SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES

Vickery-Hill Building
Augusta

February 17, 1956

Town Manager, Selectmen and
Shellfish Management Committee
Wells, Maine

Gentlemen:

During the past year the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries has continued to work cooperatively with the commercial diggers and town officials of the town of Wells.

In January of 1955 we checked our small experimental green crab fence established in the Fall of 1953 in Upper Landing Creek. We found that clams were surviving and growing rapidly. Quahogs transplanted to the flats at the same time the fence was established have done poorly, both in survival and growth.

During the latter part of March, Robert Dow and myself were aided by the Sea and Shore Fisheries' Wardens Anderson and Flaherty in a spot check survey of the closed creeks westerly of Webhannet River.

In April we met with the conservation committee and town officials and discussed our survey findings. Present at the meeting were: Town Manager Richard J. Bowen, Selectmen Raymond W. Colby, Samuel B. Stansfield, Charles A. Bourne, Eugene Brown, Elmer Hutchins, Paul Whitin, Jr., Milbray Freeman and Shellfish Committee members Melvin Campbell, Bert Perkins and Roy Perkins. It was unanimously agreed that in view of the commercial size clams that were found in Pope's Creek and Doctor's Creek that these areas should be opened from March 14 through May 14. It was decided that we would keep the Upper Landing Creek system closed as an experimental area. Also at

the meeting Bert Perkins reported a concentration of small clams in back of the cottages bordering the Webhannet River and I told the group that I would check this area with commercial diggers as soon as possible.

Town employees, Richard Allan and Herbert Knight, worked with our Department on May 16 in establishing a rectangular anti-green crab fence. Thirty-two seven foot long panels were used consisting of one-half inch mesh hardware cloth with a screen section twelve inches high having a three inch flange.

The next day Melvin Campbell and Bert Perkins worked with me in digging two square foot sample plots and surveying the area of Webhannet River where seed clams had been reported. We tabulated our findings and agreed that there were so few clams and the area of concentration so small that a closure of the area would not be warranted.

On May 19, Melvin Campbell, Bert Perkins and Roy Perkins aided in seeding four and one-half bushels of small seed clams into the recently fenced area. About one peck was seeded outside the fenced section. Clams averaged three-quarters of an inch in length and numbered approximately 39,000 per bushel.

Sea and Shore Fisheries' Biologists John Hurst and Phillip Goggins carried on a small scale experiment during the day and evening of May 26 in the use of treated bait to attract and poison green crabs. Results were encouraging and indicate the need of further tests.

Dr. William Bradley, Chief Geologist of the United States, has been doing marine sediment research in Georgetown in the summertime since 1949. He has been interested in our descriptions of the Wells area and in August he accompanied Robert Dow and myself through the creek system. We collected clams found beneath the marsh sod and a number were taken for age determinations. Dr. Bradley's laboratory will use the radioactive tracer-Carbon 14 method to determine the age of the clams. This will give a lead as to the formation and geological age of the creek system in Wells.

Growth of clams in our fenced areas were checked by members of our Department during the summer and early in July it became evident that the crabs were getting over our small fence. Experiments elsewhere had indicated that four inch wide zinc flashing nailed to the top of a fence would discourage green crabs from going over the fence, so this was tried early in September. At this time, student James Kennard aided me in underwater observations of the attempts of the crabs to get over the fence. At this time we saw several try, but none succeeded. Later in the month I again visited the fenced area and this

time made observations in the middle of the night when green crabs are normally very active on the surface of the exposed flats. The flange appeared effective as no crabs were found inside the fence and there was a lack of evidence of recently dug pits. Clams planted outside the fence had been almost totally consumed by the crabs.

After a check on the fence in December and again in January of 1956, it was decided that possibly less damage would be done to the fence by leaving it in place during the winter than removing it, considering that repairs can be made in the spring.

We plan to fence off one of the creeks this coming spring and continue our crab control experiments along with importing more seed clams.

Our associations with the diggers and town officials have been most pleasant and we feel productive during the past year. We are looking forward to continuation of our cooperative work in the town of Wells.

Very truly yours,

DANA E. WALLACE,
Shellfish Specialist



EDUCATION

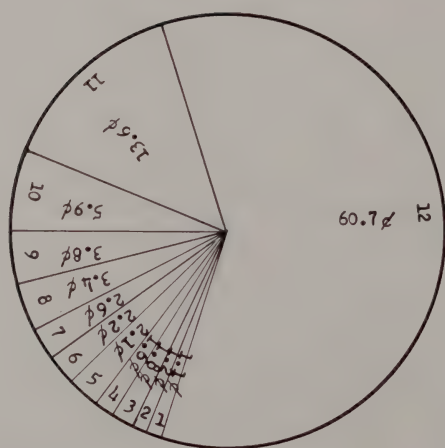
- Superintendent of Schools
- Wells High School Principal
- Junior High School Principal

THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Term:	Begins—Monday, September 12, 1955 Ends —Thursday, December 22, 1955
Second Term:	Begins—Tuesday, January 3, 1956 Ends —Thursday, February 16, 1956
Third Term:	Begins—Tuesday, February 28, 1956 Ends —Thursday, April 12, 1956
Fourth Term:	Begins—Monday, April 23, 1956 Ends —Friday, June 15, 1956

List of Holidays: State Teachers' Convention, October 6-7; Veterans' Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, November 24; County Teachers' Convention in May; Memorial Day, May 30.

Each Dollar Spent for Education 1955



- Miscellaneous
 - Band Equipment
 - Band Uniforms
 - High School Athletics
 - High School Graduation
 - Tuition
 - Library
- Special Services
 - Physical Education
 - Driver Training
 - Manual Arts
 - Home Economics
 - Handicapped Children
 - Evening School
- Apparatus & Equipment
- Textbooks
- Utilities
- Supervision
- Repairs & Contingencies
- Fuel
- Supplies—Desk & Laboratory
- Janitor & Cleaning
- Conveyance
- Instruction

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Wells:

It is a pleasure to present this report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

One of the more necessary concerns of any community is the proper maintenance, administration and adequate staffing of its public schools. No industry is concerned with a product so vital.

In the period of a few months, since the commencement of my administration, beginning with the opening of the present school year last September, it has become evident to me that we are providing a good public school program and one which compares very favorably with that of many towns in the state of comparable size and financial ability. In general, the facilities provided, the quality of instruction, and the expenditures for services, equipment, and supplies is such that we may take considerable pride and satisfaction.

But the gigantic task of providing up-to-date and practical public education is a continuous endeavor. By the time desired reforms and goals of accomplishment have been realized many more important and necessary objectives have become apparent. This has always been so in education since the earliest days of our national history. The demands of rapidly changing affairs of modern living have outstripped the best efforts of public education to keep pace.

CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION

Major concerns in public education today are many. There is a constant need to study and revise the curriculum to insure the best possible preparation of youth for days ahead. There is much concern over the immediate lack of enough teachers and particularly the lack of well-trained and qualified teachers. Related to the procurement of teachers, and equally as concerning, is the problem of providing enough classrooms to accommodate the sharply rising school population. From an economic standpoint the greatest concern of all is how and where we are going to get the money to pay the increasing costs of a rapidly expanding educational program. This problem is yet to be solved. There is a growing public feeling that more financial assistance at the state and federal levels is mandatory.

There is an acute shortage of well-trained teachers at the present time. With increasing school enrollments the short supply of teachers will continue for some time. Unfortunately salaries and other aspects of public school teaching have not been too attractive in past years. Only the inducement of good salaries comparable to those in industry

and other allied fields will hold the good teachers we now have and insure an adequate supply of replacements as needed.

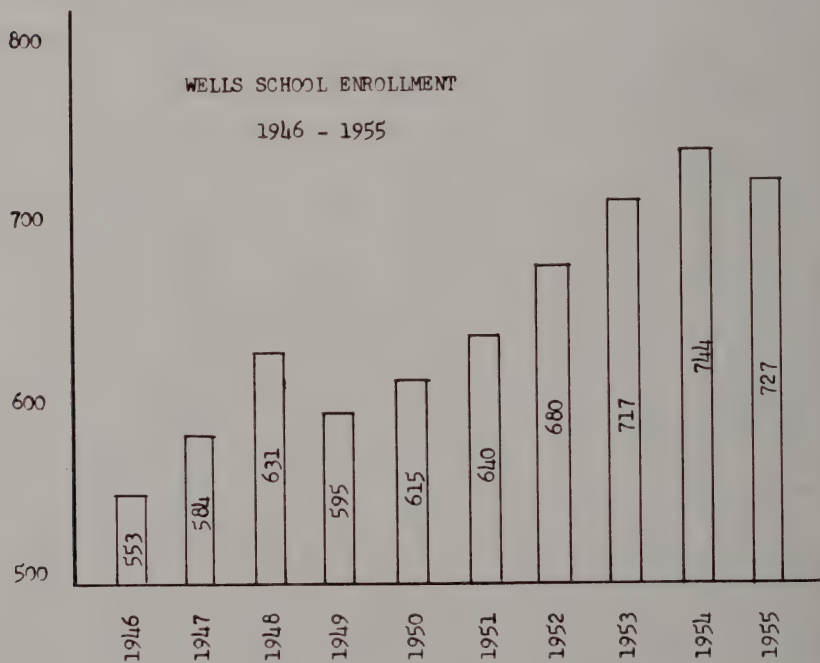
SCHOOL HOUSING

The problem of providing sufficient classrooms to educate the increasing school population is nationwide. Our community, not unlike most other towns in the state, faces this problem and it is becoming increasingly acute. The sharp or rapid increase in enrollment began about 1950. National studies based on birth rate statistics show that the school population will continue to increase each year for the next four or five years at least. In addition, there are local conditions which influence the school enrollment such as industrial development in a community or residential increases due to federal government activities.

PUPIL ENROLLMENT

The total opening enrollment of the current school year was 17 pupils less than a year ago. This fact may be attributed to changing local conditions and must be regarded as only temporary. The yearly trend of increasing enrollments is certain to continue in the immediate future.

This year, in order to meet anticipated enrollment increases and to provide also for better pupil distribution in the several elementary grades, three additional classroom units were established. A sixth grade division of 26 pupils is accommodated in the all-purpose room at the



elementary building. Except for some inconveniences encountered in extremely cold weather and at times when this room is needed by other groups for various reasons, this space provides reasonably good temporary conditions for regular school work. Locating the preprimary classes at the Eldridge building, the American Legion hall, has worked out very well as another temporary classroom location. Here it was necessary to install a heating unit and make a few other changes to provide suitable accommodations for a total of 55 preprimary children attending in two divisions, morning and afternoon. At Ogunquit an extra temporary classroom was furnished by taking some space formerly used as lunchroom to provide a preprimary department for 15 pupils.

THE BUDGET

Of course these three additional classrooms required three additional teachers. The normal increase necessary to meet the guaranteed increments of the salary schedule together with the increased number of teaching positions makes it necessary to budget about \$14,000 more for instruction for the next fiscal year. An examination of the school budget, which has been carefully prepared, will reveal that only in the case of salaries for additional teachers is it necessary to anticipate large increases for next year.

WELLS SCHOOL BUDGET 1953-1956

School Maintenance	1953	1954	1955	1956
Teachers' Salaries	\$ 87,588.00	\$ 92,500.00	\$ 96,786.00	\$110,690.00
Fuel	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,400.00	5,400.00
Janitor & Cleaning	8,480.00	8,640.00	9,940.00	9,940.00
Conveyance	24,000.00	23,800.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
Textbooks	3,000.00	2,250.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
Supplies	4,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Utility Service	1,900.00	2,140.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
Home Economics	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Industrial Arts	650.00	650.00	750.00	750.00
Driver Training	175.00	210.00	225.00	225.00
Physical Education	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Band Equipment	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Athletics	300.00	300.00	300.00	500.00
Graduation	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Evening School	950.00	950.00	950.00	950.00
Tuition		150.00	150.00	150.00
Handicapped Children	653.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Supervision	3,065.00	3,067.00	3,467.00	3,400.00
Apparatus & Equipment	1,450.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
Library			500.00	250.00
Band Uniforms			500.00	
School Maintenance Total	\$142,511.00	\$148,957.00	\$157,468.00	\$169,255.00
Repairs & Contingencies	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total—School Budget	\$146,511.00	\$152,957.00	\$161,468.00	\$173,255.00
Receipts & Balances	39,215.00	47,012.00	42,725.00	*33,746.00
			118,743.00	
		less	5,000.00	
Town Appropriation	\$107,296.00	\$105,945.00	\$113,743.00	\$139,509.00
* Estimated				

THE SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

A planning committee, as authorized by the last annual town meeting, has for several months been studying the school housing needs of the town. A report of the findings of this Committee indicates that at least four additional classrooms are needed for elementary grades at the present time. Recommendations of the Committee are contained in a separate report and will be presented to the citizens at the next town meeting. In view of the fact that increasing elementary enrollments will, in a few years, cause an expanded junior and senior high school enrollment, it would seem wise for the town to consider present classroom needs in terms of a long range building program of school construction. Planning for future school building needs must be continuous.

OUR STAFF

The teaching staff this year includes several new members who have assumed their duties well. The addition of art instruction to the curriculum has met with good response and provides an opportunity for developing talents under the direction of a trained supervisor.

High School

Mr. Norman Holder	Problems of Democracy, Principal
*Mr. Thomas Alcock, Jr.	History, Physical Education, Coaching
Mr. Daniel Chick	Manual Arts
Mr. Russell Copeland	Biology, Gen. Science, Bus. Math., Civics
Miss Marion Davis	Home Economics, Dean of Girls
*Mrs. Dorothy Green	English, French, Latin
Miss Marie Hatch	Typewriting, Shorthand, Bookkeeping
Mr. George Langille	Phys. Ed., Driver Training, Coaching
*Mr. Norman Rand	English, Coaching
Miss Ethel Weymouth	Mathematics and Science, Librarian

Junior High

Mr. Carroll Beals	Grade 8, Principal
*Mrs. Elmira Doyen	Grade 8
*Mr. Leland McLean	Grade 7
Mrs. Alice Woodworth	Grade 7
*Miss Priscilla Lowe	Grade 6
*Mrs. Irene Allen	Grade 6

Wells Elementary

Miss Nora Malkson	Grade 5, Principal
Mrs. Dorothy Tebbetts	Grades 4 and 5
*Mrs. Elizabeth Gill	Grade 4
Mrs. Elizabeth Beals	Grade 3
Mrs. Beatrice Spiller	Grade 3
Mrs. Helen Curtis	Grade 2

Mrs. Edith Colby	Grade 2
Mrs. Dorothy Ward	Grade 1
*Miss Nancy Guiney	Grade 1
Eldridge School	
Mrs. Genevieve Day	Preprimary
Ogunquit Elementary	
Miss Jeannette Norton	Grades 3 and 4, Principal
*Mrs. Ruth Dyer	Grades 5 and 6
*Mrs. Ruth Powers	Grades 2 and 3
Mrs. Helena Rode	Grade 1
*Miss Evelyn Maguire	Preprimary
Special	
*Miss Dorothy Burgoyne	Music Supervisor
Mr. Everett Firth	Band Director
*Miss Ellen Mackay	Art Supervisor
* New Teachers in Wells 1955-56	

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTY

Under the nature of repairs it can be stated that much was accomplished during the summer vacation in the way of building improvement. Many of the rooms and hallways in the three buildings were painted to give a pleasing and new appearance. The Ogunquit building was also painted outside as was the exterior trim of the Wells Elementary building. A continuation of the summer plan of redecorating should be continued if possible.

One of the most urgent needs at present is the improvement of the driveways and parking area at the high school building. It is recommended that permanent type paving be used as any type of surface treatment is not suitable in areas where there is not constant traffic. If the entire area cannot be resurfaced at this time, it would seem best to complete certain sections on a year-to-year basis.

CONCLUSION

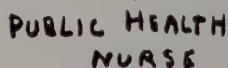
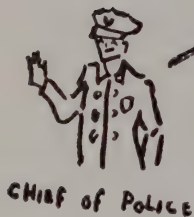
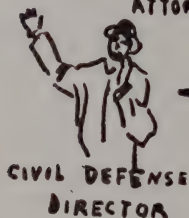
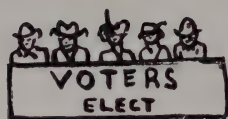
It is pleasing to report that the general progress of the school work is proceeding well. A good professional spirit characterizes the work of the teaching staff and it is evident that all those directly responsible for the school program are contributing their best efforts to give to the youth of our town the best training possible within our limitations.

In closing allow me to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers, members of the School Committee, Town Officials, and all citizens who have cooperated in the administration of the school work.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE H. JOHNSON,

Superintendent of Schools



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REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools, the Superintending School Committee and the Citizens of Wells:

This year I would like to commend to your special attention the Wells band. For two years graduation depleted our numbers by more than one-half, but now in both numbers and quality the band is as fine a one as you will find, for the size of our school, in the State of Maine. Mr. Everett Firth, our director, Mr. John Cella, wood-wind section instructor, and Mr. Robert Ramsdell, percussion instructor, deserve special praise for their fine leadership.

The changes in Wells High School faculty this year are as follows: Mr. Norman Rand of Burlington, Vermont, is teacher of English and coach of football. Mr. Thomas Alcock of Lynn, Massachusetts, is our new social studies and boys' physical education teacher. Mrs. Dorothy Green of Salmon Falls, New Hampshire, replaced Mrs. Cecelia Thyng who is now retired. Mrs. Green teaches senior English, French and Latin.

In evening school this year our enrollment of 84 persons was the lowest in eight years. The outbreak of polio here had much to do with a drop in our average attendance at evening school. The program consisted of the following subjects: bookkeeping, shorthand, antique stenciling, ceramics, furniture repairing, woodwork, oil painting, typewriting, sewing and upholstering. Next year we plan to start classes the latter part of September.

Our cafeteria facilities accommodate 375 children, served in three shifts of approximately 125 in each group. Miss Marion Davis, Mrs. Marion Stansfield, and Mrs. Jennie Sinclair have maintained the operation of the cafeteria at a high level of efficiency. We are now serving nearly 300 children a day without incurring any indebtedness to the town. In addition, we provide 24 free lunches daily. We follow standardized procedures of serving and of menus established by the State Department of Education School Lunch Program. It is necessary to follow the State procedures if we wish to receive free food commodities and reimbursement of five cents per meal from the State. Parents and townspeople are invited to visit our school lunch program in action at any time during the school year.

Some confusion might exist in the minds of parents who are not familiar with the grouping of Maine schools for the purpose of athletic

participation. This is quite understandable. In basketball our team competes mostly with M or medium school teams (enrollment under 300). In football we are class F or small school in classification. In track we are class S which is also small school classification (i.e. enrollment of under 250 students). Educationally, however, we are and have been since 1909, rated as a class A high school. A student with sufficient mental ability and good scholastic attitude can, after graduation from here, go to any college in the United States. Most of the graduates of our college course enter Maine colleges because it is, in general, a more economical procedure.

Please remember that we invite your questions concerning any phase of the high school program and only by coming to see us can your wishes be made known.

If your child has a school problem, his teacher and principal deem it a pleasure to assist the parent in the solution. The combined efforts of teacher and parent provide for a more satisfactory understanding of the child's particular educational needs.

It is my sincere wish that all parents and citizens of the town will feel free to visit the high school at any time.

I wish to express my appreciation to the school committee, superintendent and high school faculty for the fine cooperation they have extended to me throughout the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN F. HOLDER,
Principal

REPORT OF JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools, the Superintending School Committee, and the Citizens of the Town of Wells:

The Junior High School presents the recommended course of study for Grades 6, 7, and 8 and a particular effort is made to bridge the gap between the middle grades and the high school. In this effort we appreciate the cooperation of the high school principal.

I am pleased to report that the general school spirit and morale of the Junior High School seem to be excellent. We have a very good

staff of teachers and the cooperation of the students with the individual teachers is very good. The addition of an Art Supervisor is of great benefit to the teachers and students alike and helps in our efforts to offer a well-rounded program.

We have some few problems caused by the lack of an adequate physical plant and the fact that so many pupils are transported by bus. These limitations make it all but impossible to carry out the extra-curricular program we should like to have. We do plan to have baseball and softball in the spring.

We have purchased a used movie projector this year from Junior High funds and are enlarging our audio-visual program in many ways.

A very successful minstrel show was presented under the direction of Miss Burgoyne and the students held an informal dance for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

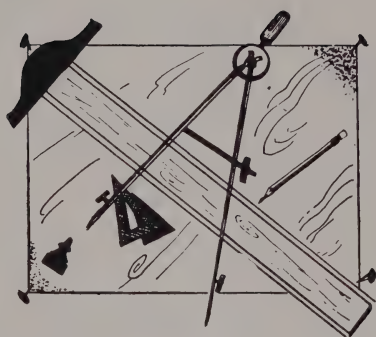
A fine representation of parents and friends visited our school during American Education Week. It is gratifying to have so many townspeople show their interest and support of the school program.

I would like to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation of all the teaching staff, the superintendent, and the superintending school committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL P. BEALS,
Principal

REPORT
OF THE
WELLS-OGUNQUIT
JOINT SCHOOL
PLANNING
COMMITTEE



To the Citizens of Wells:

Your Committee has held several meetings in its attempt to study the needs and desires of the townspeople with respect to needed school construction.

A survey of the present school building accommodations has revealed that four (4) classroom units are presently occupying space which is of a substandard nature. These are:

- (1) A sixth grade division (28 pupils) located in a basement room of the Junior High annex.
- (2) A sixth grade division (25 pupils) located in the auditorium, or all-purpose room, of the Elementary School building.
- (3) The preprimary classes in Wells (55 pupils divided morning and afternoon) located in the Eldridge School building (now the Legion Hall).
- (4) The preprimary class in Ogunquit (16 pupils) located in a temporary basement room.

Upon further investigation it is revealed that this expansion of classrooms this year was necessitated partly on account of anticipated elementary school enrollments, but more importantly because of the desirability of reducing the pupil-teacher ratio to a more acceptable standard. By adding these three classroom units this year, the pupil-teacher ratio for all elementary grades is now 27.7 pupils per teacher as against 32.7 a year ago.

After some deliberation on the part of your Committee, as to a method of procedure, it was decided to establish a list of specific and definite ideas in the form of a questionnaire and submit this to the voters of the town for their consideration. Much time and care was given by your Committee in the selection of the ideas presented and the proper way of presenting the questions.

This plan of action seemed to be a good means of finding out the desires of the people in regard to new school construction as requested by the last annual town meeting under Articles 15 and 20. But of the 1131 copies of the questionnaire sent out, only 112 replies were received.

The anticipated school enrollment growth of the town was considered and, while it is certain to increase year by year, it is somewhat difficult at this time to estimate the rate of increase. Reestablishment of industrial employment in nearby Sanford, the expansion of federal government facilities at Portsmouth Air Base and the somewhat certain increase of new residential and industrial expansion within town borders will all have an impact to assure the need of expanded school housing facilities.

Consideration of school construction needs in Ogunquit came to the attention of your Committee. At the present time there are five (5) teachers in the school and one hundred and eighteen (118) pupils. A temporary classroom for preprimary children is presently located in the basement in space partitioned from the lunchroom. If the arrangement of grades in Ogunquit is to be continued as at the present time, namely preprimary through six, then it is reasonable to assume that in a matter of time additional space beyond existing facilities shall have to be provided. Your Committee is unanimous in the opinion that enlargement of the present building is not feasible because of the limited area of the school plot.

After due consideration of the school housing situation, your Committee makes the following recommendations:

- (1) To provide for present known needs and yet have some room for enrollment growth, we should immediately construct 6 classrooms in the form of an addition to the Wells Elementary School building.
- (2) Realizing that in a few years our Junior and Senior High Schools will have increasing enrollments, it is important for the town to consider not only present classroom needs, but also future building needs in terms of a long range program of school construction. For this reason your Committee recommends that consideration be given soon to the acquisition of more land adjacent to the present school lot. A specific recommendation of this Committee would be to arrange for the acquisition by the town of the plot of land adjoining the present high school lot on the southerly side between the Elementary Building and Route 1.

- (3) Anticipating school growth in Ogunquit and realizing the present school site there is not adequate for considering an addition to the present building, your Committee recommends that the town set aside the sum of \$5,000 annually for future school building needs in Ogunquit.

Respectfully submitted,

The Wells-Ogunquit Joint School Planning Committee

Robert L. Littlefield, Chairman

Marion Davis

Harold Daggett

Earl Jenks

Richard Low

Roscoe Douglas

Milbray Freeman

Forrest Chase

Maxine Miller

*Dr. Joseph Matyoska

*Gordon Brewster

*Helen Murray

*Waldo Chick

* Resigned or inactive



FINANCES

- Assessment of Taxes
- Collection of Taxes
- Treasurer's Report
- Town Debt
- Audit
- Unpaid Taxes, 1955

ASSESSMENT OF TAXES

VALUATION OF THE TOWN

Real Estate, Wells Resident	\$ 2,746,350.00
Ogunquit Resident	2,881,110.00
Real Estate, Wells Non-Resident	2,987,780.00
Ogunquit Non-Resident	1,817,010.00
Personal Estate, Wells Resident	175,380.00
Ogunquit Resident	161,230.00
Personal Estate, Wells Non-Resident	158,860.00
Ogunquit Non-Resident	122,300.00
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Total Valuation	\$11,050,020.00
Rate, \$29.50 per \$1,000.00	325,975.59
Fractional Gain	5.85
Total Polls, 997 @ \$3.00	2,991.00
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	\$ 328,972.44

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Appropriations	\$ 314,099.82
County Tax	10,560.00
Overlay	4,312.62
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	\$ 328,972.44

COLLECTION OF TAXES

In 1955, the Tax Collector collected 92% of the taxes committed to his collection. This was a slight improvement over 1954 (90%). There appears to be a relationship between the date on which the commitment is made and the percentage of taxes collected in a given year—the earlier the commitment, the better the tax collection.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Commitment Per Town Meeting	\$328,972.44
Supplementals	1,121.16
Cash Rebates	20.39
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Total	\$330,113.99
Cash Collections	\$298,805.22
Abatements	1,625.63
Discounts	2,584.64
Collections in Transit 12/31/55	365.82
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Total	\$303,381.32
Taxes Outstanding 12/31/55	\$ 26,732.67
Percentage of Taxes Collected	92%

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

BALANCE—January 1, 1955	\$ 53,175.57
1953 Taxes	3.00
1954 Taxes	31,030.80
1955 Taxes	\$301,459.86
Discount	<u>2,584.64</u>
	298,875.22
1951 Tax Lien	219.42
1952 Tax Lien	404.36
1953 Tax Lien	578.92
1954 Tax Lien	2,858.66
1955 Wells Excise Tax	12,913.00
1955 Ogunquit Excise Tax	7,551.29
1956 Wells Excise Tax	3,293.06
1956 Ogunquit Excise Tax	2,491.17
Administration	288.76
Interest	1,365.51
Withholding Tax	15,828.35
Social Security Tax	1,136.16
Insurance	805.16
Town Poor	675.71
State Poor	1,902.03
Other Town Poor	137.71
Town Hall Building	1,588.29
Equipment	50.00
Winter Maintenance	28.08
Summer Maintenance	2,151.75
Roads and Bridges	11,577.41
State Aid Construction	189.20
Equip Rental	168.74
School Maintenance	12,126.49
Educational Subsidies	20,304.00
Handicapped Children	75.56
Evening School	456.50
School Repairs	6.40
MTA (Maine Teachers' Association)	1,603.72
ERS	3,140.84
MSRS (Maine State Retirement System)	181.16
Fire Fighting	316.06
Shade Trees	35.00

Wells Beach Hose Company	245.76
Police	44.50
Road Crew Salary	11.20
Wells Beach Toilets	193.87
Bank Stock Tax	312.43
Railroad and Telephone Tax	192.73
Dividend	44.00
Debt and Interest	13.13
Refunds	102.20
Unexpended Surplus	397.27
Anticipation Notes	200,000.00
Licenses	120.70
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	\$691,210.85

EXPENDITURES

Warrants 1-52 inclusive	\$657,264.05
CASH BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/56	<hr/>
	\$ 33,946.80

BAYLEY TRUST FUND

Community Trust Company (Ogunquit Branch)	
Bank Book Number 5074	\$357.33
Dividends received from Investments	10.75
Interest credited to Bank Book #5074	7.29
Redemption—\$3.00 cumulative 2nd Preference Stock (redemption price \$54.50 per share) \$54.00 per share plus 50¢ of accrued dividends from Dec. 1, 1954 to January 31, 1955, on shares called for, redemption 2/1/55	<hr/>
	163.50
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	\$538.87
Disbursements	
Ethel M. Weymouth, Librarian	\$47.33
Philip G. Hines, Supt. of Schools, for Scholarship 1955	10.00
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	57.33
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Balance December 31, 1955 as evidenced by Community Trust Company Bank Book Number 5074	\$481.54
Assets in kind in custody of Town Treasurer	
14 shares, Brown Company, Common as evidenced by Certificate No. VTC/B 1976	
3 shares, Brown Company, \$5.00 Cumulative Convertible First Preference stock as evidenced by Certificate No. P5/B910	

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Community Trust Company (Ogunquit Branch)

Bank Book No. 6192 January 1, 1955	\$22,645.00
Interest credited to Bank Book #6192	455.16
Balance December 31, 1955 as evidenced by Community Trust Company Bank Book No. 6192	\$23,100.16

TOWN GARAGE ACCOUNT

Kennebunk Savings Bank, Kennebunk, Maine

Bank Book No. 24193 January 1, 1955	\$ 5,000.00
Interest credited to Bank Book No. 24193	25.00
Balance December 31, 1955 as evidenced by Kennebunk Savings Bank Book No. 24,193	\$ 5,025.00

WALTER E. HATCH,

Treasurer of Town of Wells, Maine

TOWN DEBT

The year 1955 witnessed the complete retirement of the Athletic Field note of 1953 as well as the 1940 School Improvement bond issue. At the present time our outstanding debt consists of:

Refunding, 1922	\$ 1,500.00
High School, 1935	9,500.00
Grammar School, 1951	89,000.00
Total	\$100,000.00

The accompanying graph shows the schedule of town debt assuming the incurrence of no additional debt.

TOWN DEBT

1955 - 1956

1955 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

1956 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

1957 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

1958 \$\$\$\$\$\$

1922 REFUNDING COMPLETED

1959 \$\$\$\$\$

1960 \$\$\$

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETED

1961 \$

1962

GRAMMAR SCHOOL COMPLETED

\$ = \$10,000.00

State of Maine
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT

Augusta

February 17, 1956

Board of Selectmen
Wells,
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 91, Section 142 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Wells for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955.

The examination was in the form of a limited general audit as recommended by the National Committee on Governmental Accounting and was conducted by Auditors L. J. Hann and R. G. Redman of the State Department of Audit. Audit analysis included all procedures which were considered necessary.

Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

The financial and statistical sections, incorporated in this report, present the result of the Town's financial operations for the period designated. Recommendations are also offered which are believed worthy of consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY,
State Auditor

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C O M M E N T S
TOWN OF WELLS
JANUARY 1, 1955 TO DECEMBER 31, 1955

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An audit of the financial records maintained by various town officers of the Town of Wells has been completed for the year ended December 31, 1955.

The examination included a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of available funds and expenditures and the results are incorporated in the following text, exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial affairs of the town.

The fiscal year's operations showed that available funds exceeded expenditures by \$24,746.31, per the following summary:

Departmental Operations:

Unexpended Balances	\$26,874.72
Overdrafts	2,128.41

Net Unexpended Balances	\$24,746.31
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The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

The audit also revealed that certain phases of municipal operations may be strengthened by favorable consideration of the following suggestions:

Supplemental taxes amounted to \$1,253.67 for the year. It is believed that such taxes should be committed to the collector in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 30 of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

When partial payments are received on tax mortgage liens, signed waivers should be obtained to protect the town's foreclosure rights.

Consideration should be given at the annual town meeting to establishing each town officers' compensation in accordance with legal requirements as provided by Chapter 91, Section 13, Revised Statutes of 1954.

A review of the valuation records indicated that in several instances two or more parcels of land were assessed as one tax. It is believed that each parcel of land, which is not joined in any manner, should be assessed and taxed separately.

ASSETS

The cash balance of \$34,514.26 was reconciled with a bank statement furnished by the Community Trust Company, Ogunquit, Maine, petty cash and tax collector's cash on hand. A count of cash was made and reconciled with the closing balance.

Other assets including investments, accounts receivable, taxes, tax liens and tax acquired property were reviewed and verifications undertaken, on a test basis, to determine their correctness at the year end. Unpaid accounts were also reconciled with the balances shown on the records of the selectmen.

An amount of \$14,020.00 shown on the financial statement as due from the sinking fund, represents payment of bonds from general fund

cash which should have been paid from the sinking fund in accordance with a vote of the townspeople.

LIABILITIES

The general fund liabilities consists of accounts payable in the amount of \$27,368.86 due the Ogunquit Village Corporation. This represents the unpaid portion of the town appropriation for the Village Corporation and 60% of the Ogunquit excise tax collections.

RESERVE AND SURPLUS

The appropriation accounts reflect the unexpended balance of \$19,940.36 (Exhibit D), representing principally the educational, highway and bridges and athletic field account balances which were carried forward in accordance with legal requirements or customary practice.

The amount of \$2,071.64 shown on the balance sheet as due governmental agencies represents amounts due the Director of Internal Revenue for taxes withheld in the amount of \$1,780.20 and social security withholdings of \$291.44 due the State of Maine.

The unappropriated surplus of the town amounted to \$43,588.99, an increase of \$14,798.84 for the year. This change was occasioned principally by the excess of available funds over expenditures less appropriations authorized by the townspeople (Exhibit C).

DEBT FUND

The debt fund, incorporated in the statement of financial condition as a separate fund, reflects outstanding school bonds of \$98,500.00 and refunding bonds of \$1,500.00. A sinking fund of \$23,100.16, of which \$14,020.00 is due the general fund for bond retirement in the current year, is reserved to assist in the retirement of the 1951 school bond issue. The sinking fund is on deposit in the Community Trust Company, Ogunquit, Maine.

TRUST AND RESERVE FUNDS

The total amount of the trust fund principals was \$300.00 at the year end and unexpended income amounted to \$181.54. This fund is on deposit in the Community Trust Company, Ogunquit, Maine.

The capital reserve fund for construction of a town garage is represented by a time deposit of \$5,025.00 in the Kennebunk Savings Bank, Kennebunk, Maine.

AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES

Available funds amounted to \$461,248.40 for the year and consisted principally of revenues totaling \$409,120.37; transfers of \$14,020.00 and \$9,948.00 from the sinking fund and surplus accounts respectively; the decrease of \$33,159.95 in carrying balances; less the transfer of \$5,000.00 to the town garage reserve fund.

Expenditures for the year totaled \$436,502.09 with education, Ogunquit Village Corporation and highways and bridges constituting the major portion.

A review of expenditures indicated that all original invoices substantiating the expenditure of town funds should be on file with the selectmen. This particularly applies to school invoices.

A method of effectively canceling paid invoices should be adopted. This may be accomplished either by perforation or a rubber stamp device.

GENERAL

In order to substantiate various account balances it was necessary to check in detail all transactions pertaining to accounts receivable, tax and tax lien accounts. Also, it was necessary to check in detail receipt postings in the general ledger.

An examination of the town clerk's records revealed that transfers from the unappropriated surplus, fire fighting, excise taxes and sinking fund accounts to various operating accounts had been authorized by the townspeople. Also, the townspeople appropriated all unexpended balances of the previous year.

It was further noted that the townspeople voted to allow 1% discount on taxes paid in full before September 1, 1955 and to charge $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest on delinquent taxes after October 1, 1955 with a maximum of 6%. As taxes were committed September 10, 1955, the discount and interest periods were extended to November and December first respectively.

The utilization of prenumbered duplicate licenses and permits is suggested.

A system of accounting for town owned property and equipment is suggested. This will provide a record of values and other data pertinent to municipal capital outlay.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Count of cash was made and records checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. External verifications, on a test basis, were utilized to determine the correctness of recorded assets and liabilities.

Receipts, vouchers and canceled checks were examined for a selected period. Excise tax collections were test checked. Insurance and bond coverages were reviewed. Trust and reserve fund transactions were reviewed, investments checked and time deposits verified by bank confirmation.

Various laws pertaining to the fiscal operations of the municipality were reviewed to determine that related financial transactions were properly administered.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed advisable to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying statements and supporting information fairly present the financial position of the town at December 31, 1955, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF WELLS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 1955

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Cash:			
In Bank (Schedule A-1)	\$33,946.80		
Petty Cash Fund—Tax Collector	100.00		
Tax Collector's Cash on Hand	467.46		
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			\$ 34,514.26
Investments (Schedule A-2)			770.00
Accounts Receivable (Schedule A-3)	10,745.75		
Less—Reserve for Losses	418.14		
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			10,327.61
Taxes Receivable (Schedule A-4)	28,269.78		
Less—Reserve for Losses	305.58		
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			27,964.20
Tax Liens (Schedule A-5)			2,936.87
Tax Acquired Property (Schedule A-6)			2,436.91
Due from Sinking Fund			14,020.00
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TOTAL—GENERAL FUND			\$ 92,969.85

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Schedule A-7)	\$ 27,368.86
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RESERVES

Authorized Expenditures (Exhibit D)	\$19,940.36
Due Governmental Agencies (Schedule A-8)	2,071.64
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Total Reserves	22,012.00

SURPLUS

Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	43,588.99
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TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	\$ 92,969.85

DEBT FUND

ASSETS

Amount Necessary to Retire Bonds from Future Revenue	\$100,000.00
Sinking Fund:	
Time Deposit	23,100.16
TOTAL—DEBT FUND	<u>\$123,100.16</u>

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable (Schedule A-9)	\$100,000.00
Sinking Fund Reserve for Retirement of	
1951 School Bonds	9,080.16
Due General Fund	14,020.00
TOTAL—DEBT FUND	<u>\$123,100.16</u>

TRUST AND RESERVE FUNDS

ASSETS

Trust Funds: (Schedule A-10)		
Time Deposit—Bailey Fund	\$ 481.54	
Total Trust Funds		\$ 481.54
Capital Reserve Fund: (Schedule A-11)		
Time Deposit		5,025.00
TOTAL—TRUST AND RESERVE FUND		<u>\$ 5,506.54</u>

LIABILITIES

Trust Funds: (Schedule A-10)		
Principal	\$ 300.00	
Unexpended Income	181.54	
Total Trust Funds		\$ 481.54
Capital Reserve Fund: (Schedule A-11)		
Town Garage		5,025.00
TOTAL—TRUST AND RESERVE FUND		<u>\$ 5,506.54</u>

TOWN OF WELLS
STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ended December 31, 1955

REVENUES:		
Real, Personal and Poll Taxes	\$328,972.44	
Supplemental Taxes	1,253.67	
Excise Taxes	26,344.34	
State of Maine	41,887.76	
Equipment Rental	205.23	
Costs and Interest on Tax and Tax Liens	1,627.07	
Tuition	4,207.22	
Licenses	109.00	
Town Hall Rental	1,785.29	
Insurance Claim—Sign Posts	858.00	
Sale of Services, Supplies and Material	652.28	
Interest on Investments	22.00	
Toilets at Wells Beach	193.87	
Dixon's Bridge	900.00	
Miscellaneous	102.20	
TOTAL REVENUE	409,120.37	
ADD:		
Authorized Transfers from Unappropriated Surplus	9,948.08	
Transfer from Sinking Fund	14,020.00	
Decrease in Carrying Balances	33,159.95	
	466,248.40	
DEDUCT:		
Transfer to Town Garage Reserve Fund	5,000.00	
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$461,248.40
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	\$ 20,855.06	
Protection	29,083.40	
Health and Sanitation	6,193.01	
Highways and Bridges	64,259.31	
Equipment	4,113.27	
Charities	6,887.22	
Education	153,613.74	
Recreation	3,744.61	
Interest	4,445.13	
County Tax	10,560.00	
Ogunquit Village Corporation	92,350.15	
Insurance	5,932.81	
Publicity	2,015.00	
Abatements	2,042.56	
Discounts	2,584.64	
Unclassified	8,522.18	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	417,202.09	
Debt Retirement:		
Notes	4,200.00	
Bonds	15,100.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$436,502.09
EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER EXPENDITURES		
TRANSFERRED TO UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS		\$ 24,746.31

TOWN OF WELLS

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31, 1955

	Appropriations	Cash Receipts and Credits	Total Available	Cash Disbursements and Other Charges	Overdrafts	Balances Lapsed Unexpended	Balances Forward
							EXHIBIT D
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Administration	\$ 15,420.42	\$ 2,749.83	\$ 18,170.25	\$ 17,271.90		\$ 898.35	
Town Hall Building	1,990.61	1,894.68	3,885.29	3,611.47		273.82	
	17,411.03	4,644.51	22,055.54	20,883.37		1,172.17	
PROTECTION							
Police	6,524.00	44.50	6,568.50	6,770.83	\$ 202.33		\$ 708.61
Fire Fighting		2,420.79	2,420.79	1,712.18		457.15	
Hydrant Rental	4,273.83		4,273.83	3,816.68			20.67
High Pine Fire Department	1,800.00	267.31	2,067.31	2,046.64			117.61
Wells Beach Fire Department	6,209.53	1,444.83	7,654.36	7,536.75		.14	
Wells Corner Hose Company	1,800.00	891.11	2,691.11	2,690.97			
Lights	5,783.04		5,783.04	5,341.97		441.07	82.20
Civil Defense		138.73	138.73	56.53			
	26,390.40	5,207.27	31,597.67	29,972.55	202.33	898.36	929.09
HEALTH AND SANITATION							
Street Cleaning	446.77	553.23	1,000.00	605.47		394.53	
Beach Cleaning	500.00		500.00	444.68		55.32	
Health Officer—Supplies	45.00	5.00	50.00	24.00		26.00	
Nurse	4,080.00		4,080.00	4,185.12	105.12		
Dump	871.09	128.91	1,000.00	933.74		66.26	
	5,942.86	687.14	6,630.00	6,193.01	105.12	542.11	

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

GENERAL FUND	Regular Crew—Salaries	11,916.60	94.60	12,011.20	9,646.87	2,364.33
	Summer Maintenance	1,173.73	10,645.47	11,819.20	10,124.85	1,694.35
	Tar	2,619.10	7,380.90	10,000.00	9,666.43	333.57
	Winter Maintenance		22,090.71	22,090.71	13,741.84	8,348.87
	Town Road Improvement Fund					
	Hilton's Lane	2,500.00	3,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,283.66
	State Aid Construction	2,932.00	10,818.48	13,750.48	10,466.82	277.24
	Sidewalks	500.00	1,084.36	1,584.36	1,307.12	2,279.08
	Sea Wall Construction	700.00	1,579.08	2,279.08		
	Wells Beach and Moody Beach					
Street Naming Committee	350.00	350.00	350.00	344.00	6.00	
Wells Beach Breakwater	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	2,972.58	1,527.42	
	27,191.43	57,193.60	84,385.03	64,270.51	12,747.12	7,367.40
EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT						
CHARITIES						
Town Poor		8,138.05	8,138.05	8,208.29		70.24
Aid to Dependent Children	5,354.19	5,346.52	10,700.71	6,563.73	4,136.98	
	543.30	356.70	900.00	1,024.20	124.20	
	5,897.49	5,703.22	11,600.71	7,587.93	4,136.98	
EDUCATION						
School Maintenance	109,743.00	47,209.12	156,952.12	149,665.70	7,286.42	
School Repair	4,000.00	151.40	4,151.40	3,948.04	203.36	
	113,743.00	47,360.52	161,103.52	153,613.74	7,489.78	
RECREATION						
Toilets at Wells Beach	982.80	361.07	1,343.87	1,128.51	215.36	
Life Saving	1,323.05	376.95	1,700.00	1,637.48	12.52	
Athletic Field		3,373.53	3,373.53	928.62	2,444.91	
	2,305.85	4,111.55	6,417.40	3,744.61	227.88	

DEBT AND INTEREST

Notes Payable
Bonds Payable
Interest

4,200.00
14,020.00
1,274.81
15,294.81

4,200.00
15,100.00
4,445.13
23,745.13

446.00
446.00

INTEREST General

137.81

137.81

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

County Tax
Ogunquit Village Corporation

10,560.00
92,350.15
102,910.15

10,560.00
92,350.15
102,910.15

UNCLASSIFIED

Overlay
Publicity
Memorial Day
Veterans of Foreign Wars and
American Legion
Shade Trees
Maine Publicity Bureau
Harbor Committee
Insurance
Buffane's Hill Cemetery
Ocean View Cemetery
Abatements
Discounts
Supplemental Taxes
Town Garage
Maine Teachers Association Dues
Excise Taxes

4,312.62
1,840.00
200.00
2,500.00
200.00
5,431.29
400.00
1,000.00
2,400.00
940.57
100.00
102.20
960.00
1,253.67
5,000.00
276.00
26,344.34
35,151.78

4,312.62
1,000.00
1,253.67

724.07
25.11
960.00

1,626.52

6,566.29

1,709.18

EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER EXPENDITURES— TRANSFERRED TO UNAPPRO- PRIATED SURPLUS

24,746.31

\$26,874.72

\$19,940.36

TOTAL—ALL DEPARTMENTS

\$512,602.70

\$467,916.03

\$26,874.72

UNPAID 1955 TAXES

12/31/55

WELLS RESIDENT

Abendroth, Frank F.	\$ 90.57	Dunn, Bernard & Katherine	174.69
Allen, Hrs. John		Daigle, Joseph	3.00
c/o Richard Allen	9.44	Davey, Vincent P.	3.00
Allen, Richard	28.96	Elwell, Etta	54.58*
Arsenault, Albert J.	89.68	Emery, Albert	7.38
Averhill, Herman	5.95	Farley, Hazel	132.90*
Baker, William J. & Raymond	4.72	Farley, William L.	18.05
Batchelder, Willis P.	262.01	Fenderson, Archie & Sarah	254.00
Belanger, Carolyn	5.31	Fenderson, Thomas W.	63.72*
Belanger, Elmont	34.81	Fenderson, Thomas & Gerald	1.48*
Bennett, Lucy	14.46	Flanders, Walter & Mercy	9.74
Berry, Idella R.	32.45*	Freeland, Roy & Maude	53.10
Beyea, John E. & Justyne	2.95	Fearon, John	3.00*
Boston, Hrs. Ralph H.	49.86	Freeland, Stanley	3.00
Boucher, Mack	11.80	Gagnon, Alfred	75.52
Bridges, Ellsworth	36.58	Gendron, Nazaire J.	311.23
Bridges, Gordon & Florence	86.44	Goodale, Raymond Jr.	4.72*
Bridges, Leon R.	21.83	Goodale, Roy	52.81
Brindle, Joseph E. & Judith	87.82*	Goodwin, Helen	17.70*
Brown, Mabel F. & Wm. O.	124.49**	Gray, Oscar & Grace	136.93
Bucklin, H. Roger & Carmela	47.50	Gray, Roland & Mary	37.52
Bennett, Harry T.	3.00	Grant, Lawrence	3.00
Boston, Arthur	3.00	Gray, Floyd O.	3.00
Boston, Oscar	3.00*	Goodale, Ruth	2.95
Bowen, Henry A.	3.00	Hamel, Cyrille E.	5.95*
Boyce, Fred	3.00	Hamel, Roland & Edith	149.27
Boyd, Isaac	5.95	Hatch, C. Wilmont & Cecilia J.	100.65**
Bridges, Elmer	3.00*	Hayes, Myrtle & Walter	26.55
Bridges, Harold	2.95	Hill, William D.	28.91
Bridges, Lindley	2.95	Hilton, Roland & Evelyn	40.17
Bucklin, Harland	5.95	Hilton, Harold, Jr. & Elizabeth	33.63
Call, Lloyd R. & Winifred	90.86*	Holden, Edward	54.33
Campbell, William H.	30.98	Hubbard, V. Eugene	19.47
Card, Gertrude	63.43	Howard, Richard P. & Ella	80.83
Card, Wm. W., Jr. & Mabel L.	63.72	Hubbard, Hrs. Everett	23.31
Carians, Ethel S.	82.90*	c/o Gordon Hubbard	
Chadbourne, Howard & Marjorie	127.20*	Hubbard, Hrs. Everett	
Chadbourne, Nancy	11.21*	c/o Norman Hubbard	12.69
Chaloux, Roland	25.96	Hubbard, Virginia	1.48
Cheney, Leeman & Barbara	24.19	Hubbard, Wallace R. & Hazel	47.20*
Clarrage, Charles R.	39.24*	Hutchins, Ivan	11.26
Clarrage, Charles & Merrill	12.69*	Hutchins, Lucille A.	128.62*
Clarrage, Merrill	80.83	Hubbard, Norman	3.00
Clarrage, Nellie	28.62	Hanson, Donald	2.95
Copeland, Everett L.	311.28	Hatch, Neddie Jr.	3.00
Card, William Sr.	3.00	Hayes, William	3.00
Carson, Edward R.	3.00	Herrman, William B.	3.00
Costick, Thomas	5.95	Hilton, Arthur	3.00
Carnegie, Laura	2.95	Hilton, Harry	3.00
Chick, Emelie	2.95*	Holden, Herbert	2.95
Cormier, John	2.95	Horne, Joseph N.	3.00
Darby, Joseph	72.87	Hubbard, Gordon	3.00*
Davis, Marion & Mabel	265.80*	Hutchins, Edward Jr.	3.00
Ducharme, John E. & Marion	130.69	Hayes, Goldie	2.95
Dufort, Roland	21.54	Hubbard, Albert	2.95
		Kennedy, Louie E.	17.70*

Keyes, Gertrude	25.37
Kimball, Carl (Hrs. Ella Baker)	116.58*
Kimball, Oliver	44.84
King, William & Ruth	44.84
Knight, Herbert	7.43
Knight, Hrs. Herman c/o David Morison	9.74
Keene, Josiah	3.00
Kirkpatrick, John	2.95
LaHoux, Rene J. & Ruth B.	133.34
Lakeman, Leland & Doris	90.57*
Lauze, Hrs. Ralph A.	74.05
Lavin, Fred & Selma	3.00
Lawrence, Frank	18.64
Leonard, Beatrice M.	121.25*
Lincoln, Frank S. & Lillian M.	106.03
Litchfield, Duane c/o Curtis Jones	23.60*
Littlefield, George W.	15.39
Littlefield, Iola B., & Guy S. & Chase, Merle A.	171.10*
Lewis, Kenneth	3.00
Littlefield, Roland E.	67.85
LaBrun, Gerald	3.84
Lestage, Ovide	3.00
Logan, Edward	2.95
Litchfield, Gwendolyn	2.95
MacLeod, Alex and Jessie	32.21
McCarn, Hazel	12.98
Malone, Fermine c/o Smith, Wm. Jr.	134.23
Matthews, Carroll & Lillian	56.64
Matthews, Harry P. & Rose M.	92.34
Matthews, Irving	22.13
Matthews, Wesley	85.85
Mealey, Raymond, Richard, Eileen & Madeline	133.05
Miller, Austin	5.02
Moody, George W.	2.95
Moore, Erva	22.72
Moulton, Merton G.	72.87
Murray, Raymond & Sarah	53.99
Marstons, Francis	3.00
McCormick, Glen	3.00
McNally, Charles	3.00
McNuge, Leroy	3.00*
Mealey, Raymond	2.95
Merrill, Clarence	3.00
Miller, William	2.95
Nason, Leroy	94.11*
Newhall, Bernard & Shirley Larose	41.01
Nickerson, Winthrop T.	63.92
Norman, Elizabeth E.	52.22
Newhall, Percy	3.00
Nykanen, Fred	3.00
Oliver, Perry & Marion	96.76
Randall, Harvey	5.95
Perkins, Bert	2.95
O'Gorman, James	2.95

Perkins, Merton & Margaret	6.84**
Perkins, Roy M.	101.19
Pierce, Herman	6.25
Prescott, Robert & Marjorie	225.73
Paquin, Laurent	3.00
Parker, John	3.00
Perkins, Frank	3.00*
Perkins, Merrill	3.00
Perkins, William	3.00
Pike, Carl Jr.	3.00
Parks, Fay	26.55
Roukie, Raymond J.	3.00*
Sawyer, Arthur & Frank	59.59*
Sawyer, Hrs. Frank c/o Maude Sawyer	143.37*
Searles, Claude & Theresa	16.57
Searles, Harry	54.63*
Searles, John & Isabella M.	23.06
Sevigney, William	2.95
Shaw, George A.	31.32
Silver, Charles	1.48
Smith, Colby K. & Gladys C.	63.43
Stadig, Clinton & Sadie	100.01*
Stevens, Richmond	9.15
Stott, Verna	291.17
Strickland, Irving W.	62.25
Strickland, James	18.93
Sampson, Victor	3.00
Searles, Harvey	3.00
Searles, John	3.00
Searles, Philip	3.00
Stevens, Lester	1.47*
Shackford, Roland	5.95
Smith, Stanley	5.95
Stearns, Carl E.	3.00
Smith, Charles D.	2.95*
Stevens, Stuart	3.00*
Tebbetts, H. Aromine c/o Leslie Tebbetts	59.59
Townes, Theodore	1.48
Trafton, Maude	36.58
Tufts, Charles W. Sr.	107.09
Tufts, Samuel	23.60
Towns, Frank	5.95
Trafton, Charles Jr.	5.95**
Trafton, Charles Sr.	5.95
Tufts, Charles W. Jr.	3.00*
Webster, Edith	23.01
Wedge, Evelyn	49.56
Welch, Charles S. & Edith	2.95
Welch, Walter & Margaret	13.92
West, Beatrice S.	35.40
Willis, Emma	24.67*
Willis, Hrs. Thomas	17.41
Wolfe, William E.	6.49
Woodman, Kirtland Jr.	17.70
Woodman, Kirtland Sr.	67.56
Woodward, Guy Jr. & Ruth	152.66*
Woods, Clyde	3.00
Gould, John	3.00

Woodworth, Charles	3.00	Lajuenesse, Arthur & Dora	70.80
Hilton, Harold Sr.	35.11	Lamson, Blair E. &	
Gagnon, Leon & Dorothy	34.22*	Leona S.	94.11
Gregoire, Albert &		Lembree, Emile M. &	
Virginia	10.92	Louise	97.35
Higgins, Frank E. &		Linscott, Freeman	1.48
Patricia	250.16*	McCarthy, Alan O. &	
WELLS NON-RESIDENT		Henry R.	95.58
Allen, Almon & Eula	16.52	McDuffee, Louis & Carolyn	194.70*
Allen, Arthur J.	1.77	Mapleson, Wm. & Margaret	5.90
Allen, Curtis	2.07	Maxwell, George E. &	
Bartis, Stanley J.	22.13	Martha	47.79
Bayside Petroleum Co.	305.33	Miller, Barbara S.	73.16
Begin, Benoit & Delores	5.90*	Morry, Leonard J.	50.74
Belanger, Helen V.	23.60	Oakes, David H.	115.94**
Belanger, Homer	27.14	O'Brien, Rita	38.35
Belanger, Oscar	22.72*	O'Brien, Thomas	89.68
Benoit, Francis	34.52	Parrott, Louis &	
Bernard, Alvah	59.00	Charlotte	2.95
Boston, Clarence, Oscar		Parsons, M. H. & Sons	15.64
& Charles	73.46	Peirol, Ernest J.	28.03
Brickley, Janet H.	.54	Perkins, Mary	3.25
Brown, Russell	75.52*	Pinkham, Rolland & Lydia	85.55*
Chabot, Ronald & Marcelle	61.36	Porrell, Louise	8.26
Charron, Andre L. &		Prescott, Gordon & Ruth	289.40
Cecile	20.36*	Priestley, Florence I.	35.40
Chevalier, Aime & Rosa	64.61	Proctor, Raymond &	
Chicola, Joseph	5.90	Elizabeth	66.97
Clark, William D.	29.50	Reed, Gertrude & Arthur	109.45
Cooper, Bertha & Sophie	29.50	Reynolds, Michael J.	10.33
Cote, Jean L. & Helen M.	38.35	Rich, James E.	51.33
Coye, Arthur & Nellie	69.62**	Rollins, Hrs. Sarah	
Coye, Arthur & Nellie	37.17	c/o Vinton Yeaton	64.90
Coyne, John & Charlotte	72.57	Ryan, Leo	14.75
Crane, Elizabeth W.	93.81	Samuels, Sidney &	
Crediford, John W. Jr.	1.48*	Lorraine	162.25
Day, William & Blanche	12.69	Shepard, Ernest J.	59.89*
Dixon, Fred & Alta	61.95	Smith, Arthur W. Jr.	35.40**
Furbish, Raymond	5.90	Snow, Edith C.	25.08
Frederickson	1.48	Stevens, Lester Chester	22.13*
Downey, Matthew J. &		Stillings, Maurice B. &	
Myrtle	131.28	Doris A.	408.28
Dutch, Bradford	2.07	Swett, Leon M.	51.33
Filion, Theodore W.	94.70	Taylor, Harold L. & Helen	164.61
Garrett, Olida & Alfred B.	10.03	Twombly, Hilda S.	21.24*
Gifford, Charles	21.54	Weare, George & Joseph	5.90
Guay, Francis & Anna	102.37	Welch, Walter & Bessie	6.79
Guay, Francis & Morin,		Wells Beach Casino Corp.	1231.04
Ernest J.	271.99*	Whitehouse, Arnold	64.90
Harrity, Martin & Yvonne	36.38	Whiting, David & Sons	639.56
Hartwell, Tessie	5.90	Williams, John H.	55.17
Hodgson, John H. &		Woodman, Harold & Emily	66.67
Margaret	116.82*	Paulin, Irene	147.21
Hrinkorick, Andrew	14.75	OGUNQUIT RESIDENT	
Hussey, Charles L.	7.38	Akstoll, Edmund	38.40*
Jacobs, Harold T.	14.75*	Alexander, Anthony	3.00
Jenks, Calvin J.	94.70*	Bernard, Alvah	292.05
Jewell, Mrs. Irene	24.49	Brewster, Gordon E. Jr.,	
Jones, Mary L. &		& Margaret C.	67.61
Russell, W. B.	18.00	Brooks, Harry B. &	
Kelley, Mrs. William	112.99*	Mary M.	46.00
Konopnicke, John	38.35	Brown, Ida M.	109.74
Kraft, Sarah	120.66	Brown, William & Ida	21.29

Bryant, Athleen F.	105.61
Balestro, Luigi	32.50
Blanchard, Armand	3.00*
Beaulieu, Rosario	3.00
Blair, Robert	3.00
Buono, Eustashio	3.00
Clark, Hrs. Leslie	.53
Cray, Wilmont G.	16.63
Craig, William	2.95
Damren, Arthur O. & Lucille	87.77
Day, Richard T.	41.30**
Dixon, Hrs. Goodale	38.65
Ganellas, Constantine	646.94
Goldberg, Herman	2.95
Hazlett, Merrill	3.00
Johnson, Albert & Elsie	28.91
Litchfield, Rebecca	18.92*
Littlefield, C. Herbert	200.00
Littlefield, Marcus	8.85
Mattei, Antonio	62.59
Mattei, Maria	183.64**
Montgomery, Harry & Jenkins, Lillian	30.68
Murray, Susan	84.08*
Moore, Charles Jr.	3.00
Moore, Charles Sr.	5.95
Murphy, Ernest	3.00
Nichols, Nicholas M.	3.00
Parkhurst, Dorothy H.	203.85
Perkins, Clifford W.	97.94
Phillips, Grace M.	.59
Paul, John L.	3.00
Poisson, George	3.00
Ramsdell, Harold	3.00*
Robichaud, Robert	3.00
Seaman, Charles & Elizabeth	100.00
Shorey, Edna M.	228.33
Smith, George	1024.24
Soule, George H.	40.76**
Sprague, Peter B.	106.25**
Stevens, Lester Chester	99.12*
Tufts, Mrs. Herbert	276.12
Tufts, Herbert Jr.	2.95
Tufts, Herbert Sr.	5.95
Tyng, William	2.95
Welch, Leslie W.	85.55*
West, George R., Jr.	799.90
Whitlock, Hulda	323.03**
Whitlock, Robert & Gwen.	79.65*
Ware, Edwin S.	3.00
Wellwood, Roderick	3.00
Young, Arthur & Florence	8.85
Young, Florence E.	119.18
Young, William	2.95
York, Eben	2.95
Hayes, Helen	2.95
Carruth, Russell	2.95
Allen, Robert	14.75
Brewster, Gordon E. Sr.	192.05
Lambert, Jonathan	3.00
Moulton, Lloyd	3.00

OGUNQUIT NON-RESIDENT

Batchelder, Willis P. 8.85

Blouin, Leonard	10.65*
Burniston, Robert	20.65*
Butterfield, Harold	20.65
Buysee, Octavia H.	199.72*
Bowes, Kathleen	29.50
Campbell, Donald & Helen	78.77
Chrysler, J. Moss & Day, Alice M.	162.84*
Couch, Elizabeth	2.95
Cronin, Martha I.	85.26
Cameron, Louis	44.25
Dinsmore, Ruth A.	79.36
Dolan, Thomas	39.75*
Duffy, William C.	20.65
Dygert, Bert	20.65
Faulkner, John Jr.	20.65
Fitandides, Paul & Victoria	14.16
Gamage, Leon	20.65
Gayner, Helen	20.65
Goulding, John R.	246.33
Gray, Dr. Philip	29.50
Griffin, Anne M.	22.42
Hilton, Hrs. B. H. & V. c/o Hartley Hilton & Viola Hilton	.30
Hilty, Barbara L. & Wendy	184.97
Hurley, Lawrence	20.65
Hancock, Frank	4.43
Jacobsen, George Sr.	20.65
Jadis, Theresa & Arthur	180.07*
Larsen, Wilbur	20.65*
Lavoie, Alfred	20.65
McAllister, George	20.65
Mapleson, William	20.65
Mathews, Elsa D.	233.64
Miller, Henry	20.65
Mogavero, Dorothy & George	41.01*
Mommer, Paul & Mary	33.04
Morgan, Thomas	20.65
Nowlin, Josephine	20.65
Patterson, Jessie S.	191.46*
Perkins, Vern L.	2.95
Peterson, Ethel J.	128.63
Peterson, Madeline	20.65
Phettiplace, Chester	20.65
Richardson, Mary L. & Clara	369.05
Ritter, Chris	8.85
Santosusso, Daniel J.	49.56
Sheeran, Joseph	20.65
Sherman, James	20.65
Satter, Theo	29.50
Sullivan, Earl	14.75
Weare, George & Joseph	29.50
White, James W. & Florence	17.70
Zoides, Paul G.	351.64
Leshansky, Lillian	14.75
Peterson, Ethel J.	434.83*
Green, Sadie	29.50

* Payment after December 31, 1955.

** Part Payment after December 31, 1955.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- Wells Citizens, Inc.
- Veterans Monument Committee
- Ocean View Cemetery

WELLS CITIZENS, INC.

In May of 1955 upon the initiative of the then Maine Development Commission, the Town of Wells was offered the opportunity of acquiring an industry. The firm, A. Sandler & Company of Boston, Massachusetts, would have located in Wells if a factory building were constructed under a so-called "foundation" plan.

Under this arrangement, a plant is built for a manufacturer and he, in turn, leases the plant for a fixed annual amount until the plant has been paid for.

The plan as it applied to Wells called for the construction of a \$210,000.00 building. Two-thirds of this sum, or \$140,000.00 was to have been financed through a first mortgage held by a large insurance company. The remaining \$70,000.00 in second mortgage 3% bonds was to have been raised by public subscription.

Although approximately 12 people worked unselfishly for more than four months to raise this sum, only \$46,000.00 could be obtained. As a result, we lost the firm. It would have meant a possible annual payroll to the town of approximately \$500,000.00.

Wells Citizens, Inc. will continue in existence to try to attract other industries to Wells. Their efforts to bring A. Sandler & Company to Wells could be described best by a paraphrase from the memoirs of Winston Churchill in his description of the Battle of Britain:

"Seldom have so few done so much for so many."

Your Town Manager and Board of Selectmen wish to acknowledge the efforts of Wells Citizens, Inc. by mentioning the names of some of those who participated in the bond selling campaign or in some other capacity:

William Lessard
Clinton Smith
Joseph Noel
Evan Smith
Theodore Hutchins
Esselyn Perkins
Lucille Perkins
Charles Kennard
Edward Hipple
Richard Farnsworth
Samuel Stansfield
Arundel Print Shop

Lester Brown
Milbray Freeman
Helen Remick
Mabel Rousseau
Richard Lowry
David Craig
Paul Whitin, Jr.
Frank Andrews
Helen Colby
Community Trust Company
Walter E. Hatch
Maynard Trafton

VETERANS MONUMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

During the summer months the members of this committee spent considerable time locating veterans of this town and establishing their eligibility. Because of the limited amount of space available on the monuments, we tried to choose only those who were citizens of this town at the date of their entrance into the service, knowing that those who entered the service from another residence would be eligible for honor rolls in those towns.

We were very fortunate in securing a monument at all with the funds allotted. The large number of names will require two stones. The standard price for each letter, one-inch high, cut in stone or bronze, is one dollar. Each name averages sixteen letters, or sixteen dollars. Multiply 386 names by sixteen and the result is approximately \$6,000.00.

We asked Mr. Provost of the Vermont Marble and Granite Company in Biddeford to come to one of our meetings to give us some prices. We explained that we had exactly \$2,500.00 for a monument and we asked him what we could get for that amount. He offered a monument with 400 names for that sum. His reasons for giving us a "bargain" were that the work could be done in the off-season for his business in January and February. Furthermore, he felt that the advertisement of a nice-looking monument would bring additional business to his company and as a result help to make up for the loss of profit on this job. He gave us the example of the extra business received on completion of the eleven-thousand dollar veterans monument for Old Orchard Beach.

A contract was drawn up and a down payment of \$1,500.00 was paid to Mr. Provost, the balance to be paid in May upon delivery of the monument.

The location of the monument has not been decided as yet. The members of this committee were instructed to use their discretion about this at town meeting. We planned to place it in back of the left-hand walk on the front lawn at the High School. As we had already received acknowledgment from the School Board that they would go along with the vote of the town meeting, we did not expect any opposition from them.

They voted 2 to 1 not to allow the monument to be placed on the school lawn, their reason being that they felt the town should take a "yes or no" vote on the subject at the next town meeting.

There is a question as to the legality of such a vote, however, and so we are waiting to see if this matter cannot be straightened out at the next town meeting, or perhaps some other arrangements can be made.

LORISTON LITTLEFIELD, Chairman

OCEAN VIEW CEMETERY

RECEIPTS

February 1, 1955-Jan. 31, 1956

Balance on Community Trust Co., Jan. 31, 1955	\$ 1,973.14
Town of Wells, Maine, Appropriation	400.00
Dividends and Interest from Trust Funds	512.50
Annual Care	254.34
Perpetual Care	1,000.00
Sale of Lots	175.00
Interest from Auburn Savings Bank	4.50
Wells-Ogunquit Farm Bureau	5.00
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	\$ 4,324.48

EXPENDITURES

Reginald C. Jones, Superintendent and Caretaker	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment and Repairs to Mowers	53.88
Treasurer's Bond	5.00
Ocean Nat'l Bank, Safe Deposit Box	4.40
Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District	12.24
Supplies for Superintendent	75.00
Investment in Bond (Re: perpetual care of lots from funds deposited by lot owners)	982.22
Balance on hand	6.00
Balance on Deposit at Community Trust Company	2,185.74
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	\$ 4,324.48

ASSETS

Bonds	\$14,025.00
Preferred Stocks	2,518.78
Savings Accounts	659.88
Cash reserved for Investment from Perpetual Care Funds	1,000.00
40 Acre Wood Lot Branch Road	80.00
15 Acre Wood Lot, East side Tear Coat Road	30.00
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	\$18,313.66

OCEAN VIEW CEMETERY, INC.

By WALTER E. HATCH,
President

REPORT OF THE WELLS AND MOODY BEACH STREET NAMING COMMITTEE

As a consequence of favorable action by the Annual Town Meeting of 1955, funds were made available for the preparation of a street and house map of the Wells and Moody Beach areas and for the naming of streets as well as the erection of street signs for those areas. The project has been handled by a committee composed of: Al Parent, Philip Hussey, John Deptula, John Wells, and Howard Ridley. Through the employment of Arthur Hussey III who spent innumerable hours in his work, a street map was prepared showing not only all of the streets in the beach areas but all of the houses as well. This map served as the basis for the location of the street signs and will also be used for assigning numbers to houses. This latter project will be undertaken in 1956.

The committee acquired with their limited funds a number of signs and posts. The project has not been completed primarily because of insufficient funds in 1955. It is the hope of the committee that the project be completed in 1956 if the funds are made available. Tentative plans have been made for the preparation of a street directory for Wells and Moody beaches.

Directory of TOWN OFFICIALS 1955-1956

ELECTIVE OFFICIALS (Terms Expire March 10, 1956)

Board of Selectmen

Samuel B. Stansfield*
Raymond W. Colby
Eugene R. Brown
Paul Whitin, Jr.
Charles A. Bourne
Milbray M. Freeman
Elmer C. Hutchins
(Resigned Oct. 31, 1955)

Board of Assessors

George C. Lord*
Harry S. Littlefield
Lawrence Fernald

Town Clerk

Grace E. Wormwood

Town Treasurer

Walter E. Hatch

Superintending School Committee

Milbray M. Freeman* (Term Expires, 1956)
Maxine W. Miller (Term Expires, 1957)
Forrest C. Chase (Term Expires, 1958)

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

Town Manager

Cecil O. Lancaster
(Resigned February, 1955)

Richard J. Bowen
(Appointed March, 1955)

Superintendent of Schools

Philip Hines
(Resigned September, 1955)
Melville H. Johnson
(Appointed September, 1955)

Chief of Police

Richard J. Bowen

Road Foreman

George F. Fenderson

Town Attorney

Barnett I. Shur

Fire Chiefs

William F. Abbott (Wells
Corner)
Philip P. Hatch (Highpine)
Ernest Crowley (Wells Beach)

Public Health Nurse

Ruby L. Lord

Health Officer

Joseph Matyoska, O.S.

* Indicates Chairman.

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